

WIMMOAH



'56

Pave Larson The one and Only!!!

Hi Dave
Best of luck to
a swell K'd keep
up the good work & personality
and you go along way
Sincerely
Betty Wootton



lots of luck
to a guy that doesn't
want a
guy

and Paul is what
wrote to a good
friend. He got this
summer.

It has been your
vic having your
as our students come
representative even if that
you were
W. S. P. Lillian
lots of it
and months
about his
Ben Wolf

Dave,
lots of luck
to a swell kid
in the future.
Have fun this
summer.
Melvin
Zier

Dave,
It's really fun
fun knowing such
a devil. and I
mean a devil. about
that bikini suit
I wouldn't be caught
dead in one! So!
well good luck in
beating that "little
punk"
Don Russell

Glenn
Hendrick
"56"

Dave -
I'll always remember
our ride in the food & the
cracker crumbs down your
neck. You're really a swell
kid + a lot of fun. You're
really got a personality keep
it up. I'm still holding a
grudge for the tricks you
+ Dean pulled on me.
Remember me
Murray

Joe

Let them a lot of fun knowing
you "kicker" and nice you
like it very on the way
and your little ones.

Dave



The Landmark of Our School



Mt. Adams and the Yakima Valley



Yakima River



Apple Blossoms

Dave
It's sure been lots of fun
knowing you're being in some of
the classes with you. Lot of luck
to a real swell guy.

Janet Btz
"57"

The nineteen fifty-six

WIMOA

**The annual publication of the Associated
students, West Valley High School,
Yakima, Washington**

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Dave
Lots of luck
to a real swell
kid. It's been
fun going to
school this year.
See you next year
and meet your
your friends
Cecilia
Giffen

Dave,
Loads of luck
to a real swell kid.
Have fun this summer.
Carol Broomell

Dave,
I want to wish you
you all the luck in the
the world. Your friends
in my book.
Gonzalo
Benderson

Foreword

We, the staff, present the first Wimoah with the sincere wish that all who see and read this book will see West Valley as we see it. Our first Wimoah, based on the poem, "The Building of a Ship" by Henry W. Longfellow, is dedicated to the citizens of our community who undertook to build our West Valley High in spite of the headaches and heartaches it involved.

"Build me straight,

Editor's Message

Many people do not realize how much work there is to putting out a yearbook. The first WIMOAII was no exception. The staff has put in long hours of hard work to make it a success. At the beginning of the year, most of us did not know any of the fundamentals of such a publication. We worked hard and now our hope is that you will enjoy the book.

The theme of the WIMOAII is "The Building of a Ship," by Longfellow. We think the building of the ship, as portrayed in this poem, is symbolic of how West Valley was built, from the construction of its buildings to the organization of its clubs, and how our lives and characters were developed this past school year.

To Miss Christensen, without whose willing guidance and help we would have been lost, to Nancy Manning, cover designer and artist of the division pages, and to the staff go my sincere thanks.

It is my hope that this book will serve as a record of one of your school years that you most enjoyed and in which you played a part in creating the early history of a promising, wonderful, new school.

Sincerely,

Calli Bierman

0 Worthy Master!

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**"Thus, said he, will be
build this ship!"**

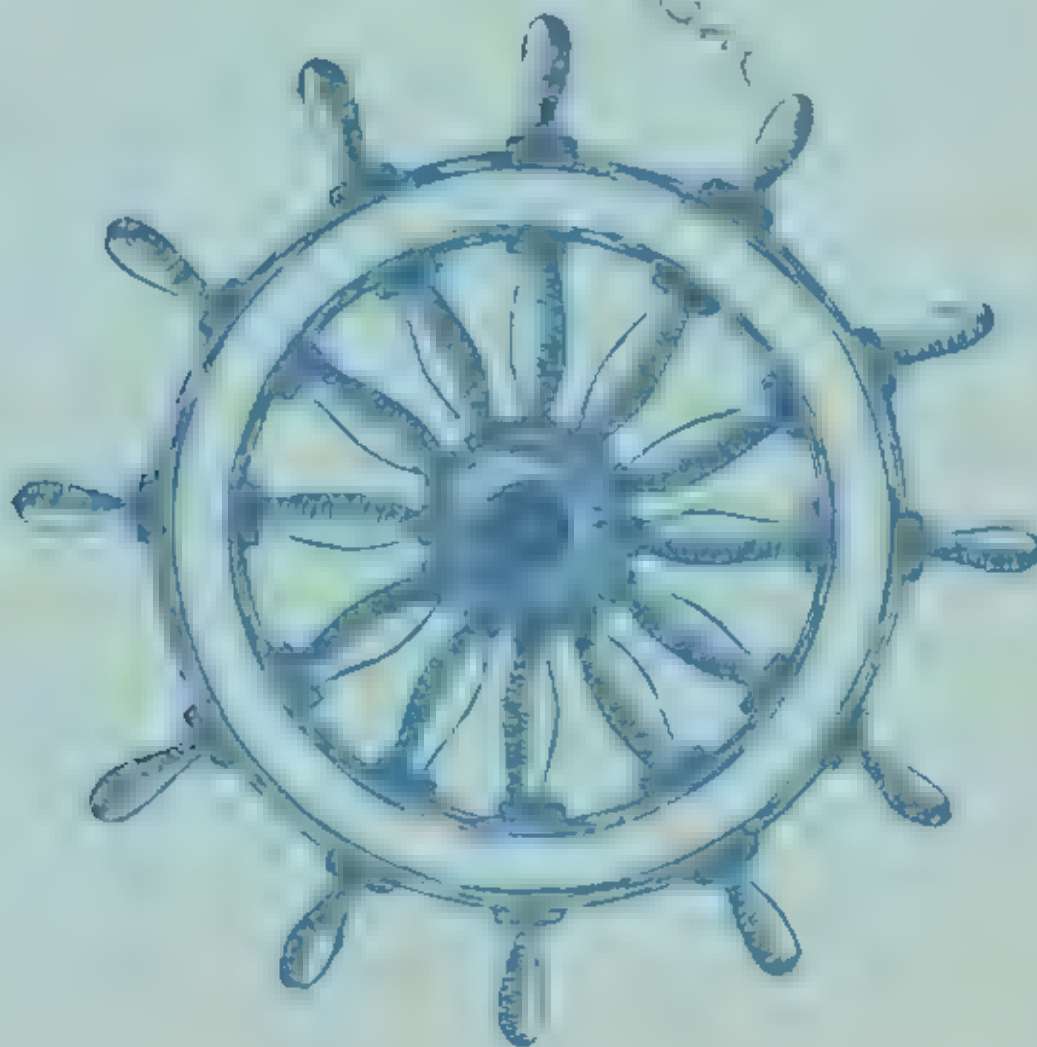
—LONGFELLOW

*best looking
today?
I've enjoyed
in this*

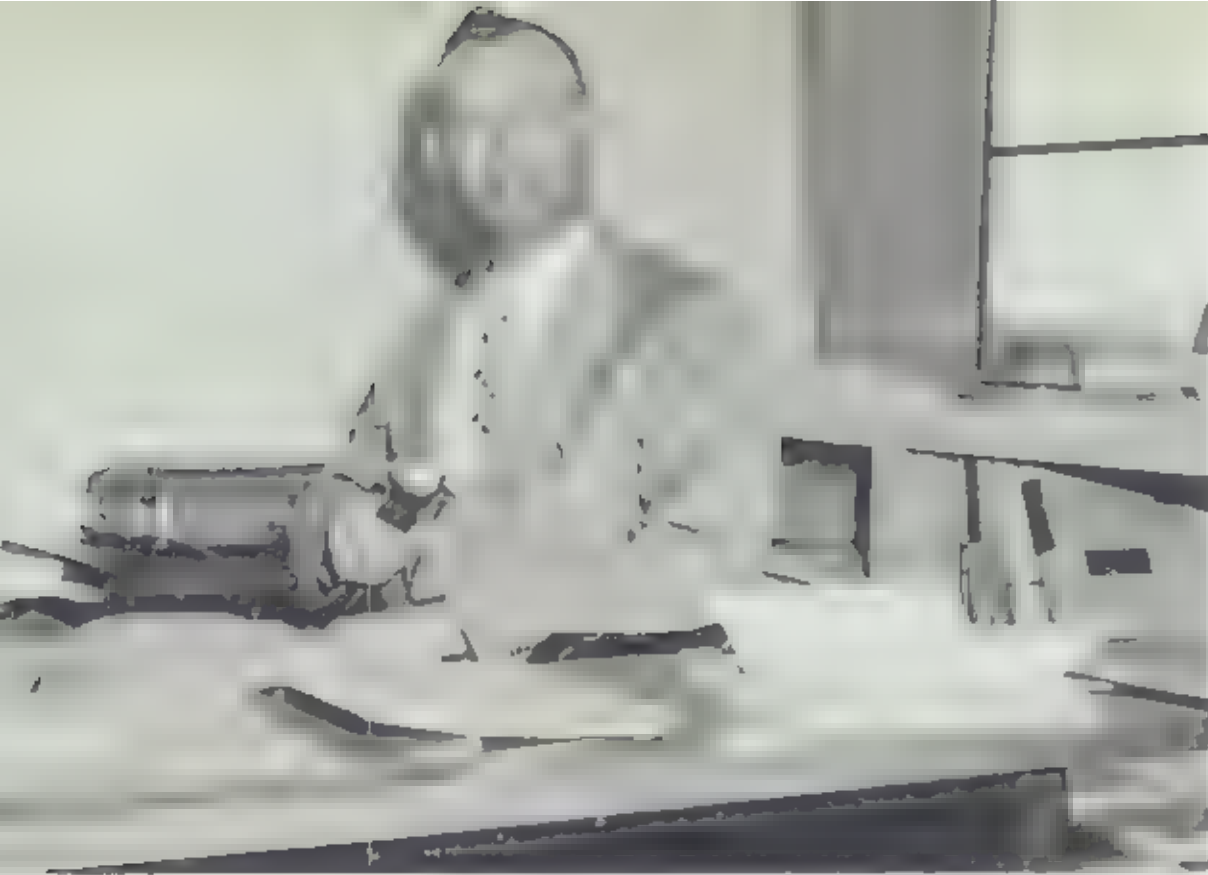
A d m i n i

Fractiion

I have enjoyed
 having you & your
 family in the world
 of the great
 things.



[Faint handwritten notes, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side.]



Superintendent's Message

Many people have recognized opportunity as it appeared. Others have allowed it to pass by unnoticed. At the top of the list of observant people, we would place the people of the West Valley Community. Our people took a legislative directive, examined it carefully in terms of the education of our youth, and by vote, created the West Valley School district. It is proper that this year book, our first, should honor these parents and patrons who had such vision and foresight.

You students and your parents have converted a dream into a reality and made an actuality out of a foresight. You gave form, life and purpose to an idea as you wrote the Student Body constitution, cooperated with the builders, conducted class despite the noise of the saw in the hall, started an athletic program without a full complement of upper classmen, created an enthusiastic cheering section even when the score was lopsided against you, made new friends, organized the necessary clubs and activities, wrote and mimeographed the school news releases, developed music and dramatics departments, displayed IFA and IFAA accomplishments, and made policy decisions in the representative student council. Yes, each new situation demanded adjustments to a new school and new standards. These were learning situations. Student opportunities were unlimited. You have done well.

A school is not just a building, but a life; your life. Your aspirations, successes, your life, as lived in West Valley High School make a school out of our building. This is what the parents saw as they looked to the future for West Valley. This is what you students have patterned for yourself, your school mates, and the hundreds of children now too small to remember when there was no West Valley High School. They will some day follow in the traditions which you have, this year, created. The pattern is good. They will take up where you have left off.

Words are inadequate to tell the story of West Valley, but no words are necessary to see that the future is secure if people everywhere can meet their challenges as courageously as have the people in West Valley. We face the future confidently when our decisions are based on what is best for boys and girls and youth of our community.

Harold C. Griffith

*Will expect more some-time
next year!
Best of Luck.
Mrs. Cherry*

Secretaries

Miss Everett

Mrs. Cherry



Principal's Message



In the Ruins of Ur a room has been unearthed that was a school 4,500 years ago. Clay tablets of instruction used there still exist. Schools and education have been a part of every known civilization. Education today is an accumulation of all the things education has been in the past.

The purposes of education are many and varied in America where a high degree of freedom has prevailed, but some widely accepted purposes may be listed as follows: (1) To prepare the individual to make a living and to make progress in his vocation, or to help in that process; (2) To prepare the individual for mature and complete living—personal and family, social and civic—in today's world, and to help develop moral, ethical, and spiritual values which benefit both the individual and society; and (3) To increase man's understanding of the arts and humanities and his appreciation of his cultural heritage.

Education is responsible in maintaining continuity of thought, art, culture and moral values between the present and the past. The "main road" of accumulated knowledge and fundamental culture, leading from the remote past through the present and into the future, should be kept wide open and well paved. There is a great need in this confused world of today for better morals, more self-discipline, and a sounder sense of values. Possibly the greatest contribution education can make toward meeting that need is to give all who pass through its doors a deeper awareness of what we owe to the great artists and scientists, the teachers, thinkers, inventors, the explorers and statesmen, the poets and patriots of the past.

The citizens of the West Valley School District have recognized, as people before them, the importance of education. These fine school buildings and facilities are a monument to that belief in education.

It is our desire that the members of the graduating class, though attending only one year here, have been prepared in some measure to meet the demands of life. Some of you will be going on to college, some will take your place in the work life of the community, others will join the armed forces of our country for her defense. In any event our wish is that you will attain a great measure of success in your chosen field.

Ralph Lackey



Secretary

Erisk Gothberg

MRS. GOTHBERG

***Lay square the blocks upon
the ship***



*Left to right: Mr. G. F. Clasen, Chairman; Mr. Otto J. Gerhardt, Mr. Hubert G. Hull;
Mr. Ira Woodin; Mr. David K. Froula, Clerk*

School Board

The school board certainly deserves praise. These fine men have given many long hours of their time to carry on the business necessary for the operation of a school. From the first, they supervised the building of our school so that we might have the best facilities possible. It is because the school board and the people who elected them have a sincere interest in the younger generation, that the West Valley High School became a reality.

Their job is not all work and no play though. This fact can be evidenced almost any Monday night about midnight when the suspicious smell of coffee and sound of hearty laughter issues from behind those closed doors, where the school board is supposedly carrying on such solemn business.

***and follow well this plan
of mine***



Mrs. Leta Beres
Library

W. Beres



Mr. Leon Burnside
Agriculture
*Best of Luck
Leon Burnside*



Mr. Elmer Cner
Physical Education,
Washington History

Elmer Cner



Miss Barbara Christensen
Typing, Shorthand

Choose the timbers with greatest care:



Mr. Gordon Dowd
Bookkeeping, Algebra



Miss Hazel Freeman
Home Economics

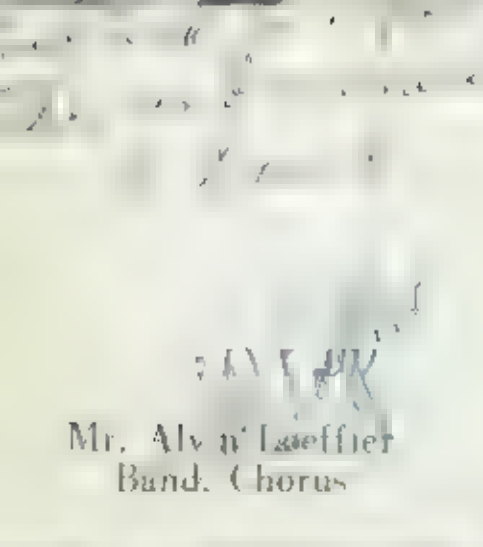


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Washington History
Biology

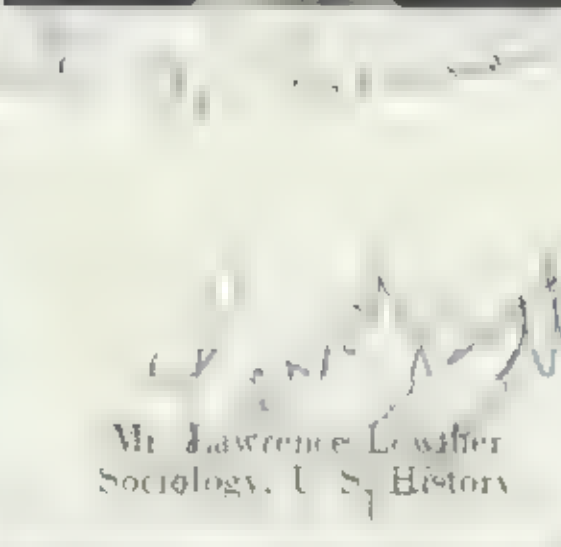
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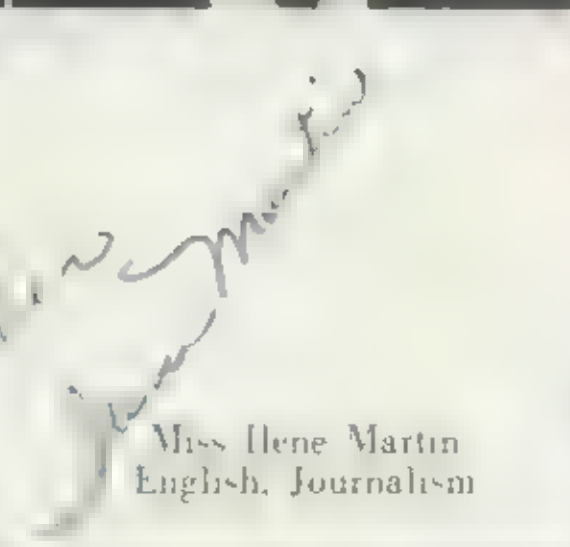
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Drivers Training, Coach



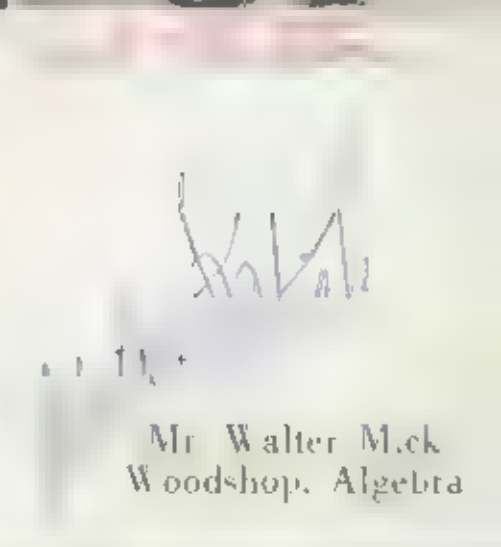
Mr. Alvin Laeffler
Band, Chorus



Mr. Lawrence Lawther
Sociology, U.S. History



Miss Hene Martin
English, Journalism



Mr. Walter Mck
Woodshop, Algebra





Mrs. Betty Jo Doud
Physical Education
and Art I, II

*None of you is frank, but I am
as confident as I am, and I am
in the position of a teacher.
I am not a teacher, but I am
in the position of a teacher.
I am not a teacher, but I am
in the position of a teacher.*

Faculty

The faculty of West Valley High School was a wonderful group of teachers who succeeded in teaching us much in spite of many obstacles in the form of inadequate facilities, interruptions during classes by workmen, and unwilling pupils. We are truly thankful for their patience and wisdom in handling us and hope that in some way we have increased their satisfaction and enjoyment of teaching. As we come to the end of the year, we suddenly realize and begin to appreciate the effect of their efforts on our lives. Some of us will be carrying out into the world experiences and wisdom obtained here. The rest of us, and many new students, will be back for more next year and hope to meet again all of these friends, our teachers.

Mr. Howard Lawrence
Chemistry and Biology



Mrs. Doris Lisk
English I, IV
and Dramatics



*Congratulations to the
newest senior (?)
Lisk*

Of all that is unsound beware;

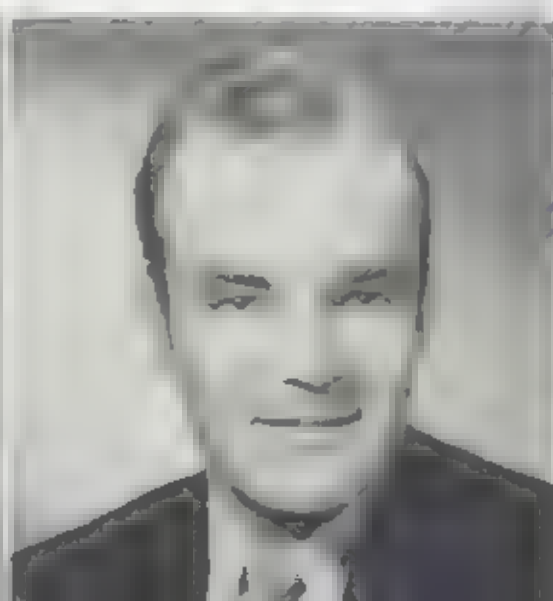
Mrs. Gay Most
Spanish
Latin, Study Hall



Mr. William Rupel
General Math,
Geometry, Physics



Mr. Sherwood Sorbo
Washington History



Mr. Sorbo



Mike Paradis, president; Karen Griffith, secretary; Nancy Manning, treasurer; Les Lennington and Mary Ann Luepke, social co-chairmen.

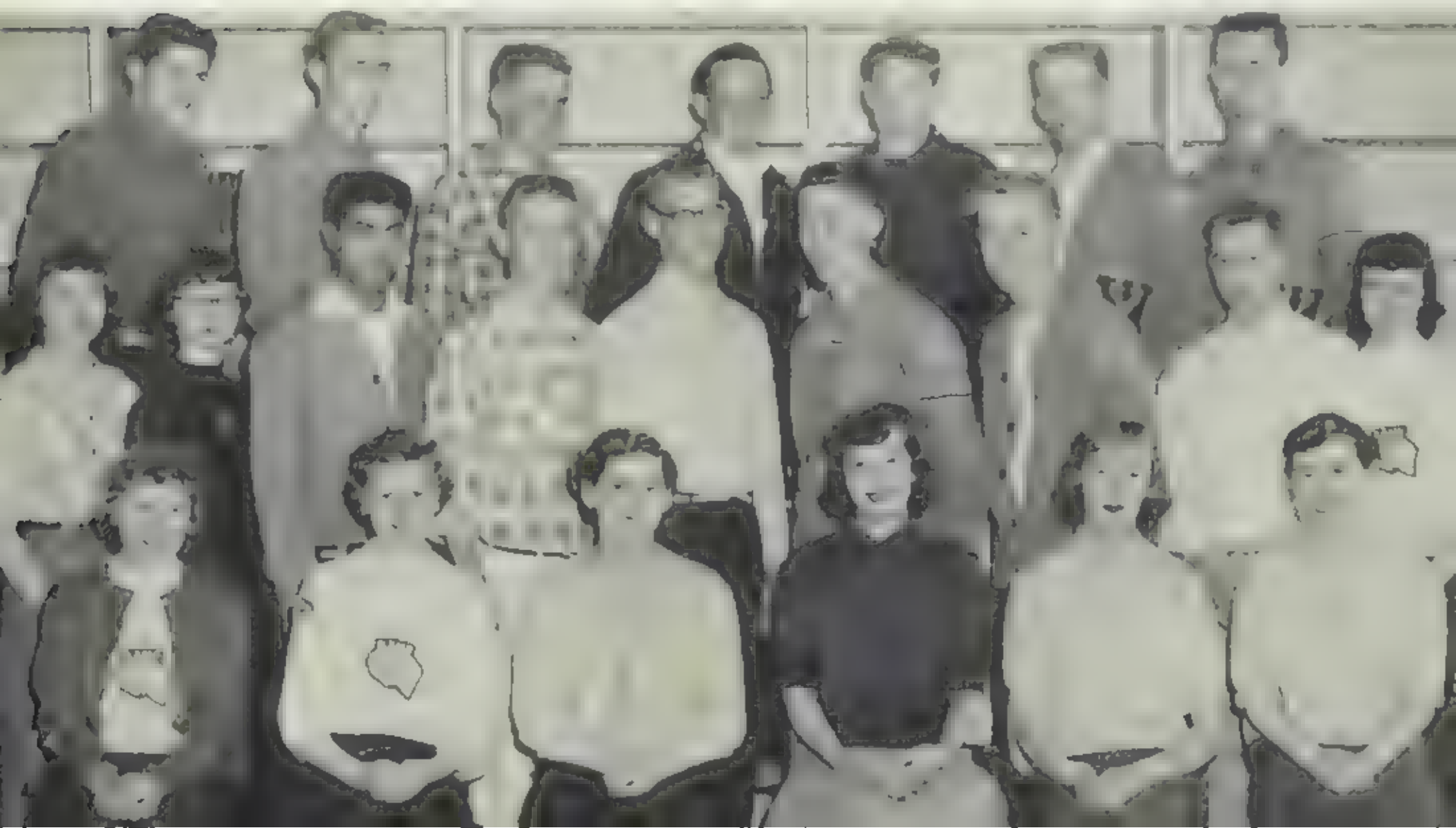


A.S.B. Officers and Council

The student council had a wonderful opportunity to begin an active student government at the new West Valley High. A.S.B. President Mike Paradis proved to be a very able organizer and conducted the meetings in such a way that the business was acted upon swiftly, and without confusion. One of the accomplishments of the council was learning and practicing the rules of parliamentary procedure. The Student Council was responsible for deciding many of the rules and regulations of the school and supervised the voting on school colors, school song, etc. They also approved all the school dances and parties. Most of the business and problems of West Valley passed through the Student Council and each representative was responsible for carrying back important news to his home room so that everyone in the school would be informed on what the council was doing and could therefore take a more active interest and participation in student government.

For only what is strong and good . . .

1st row, left to right: Mary Ann Luepke, Shirley Barringer, Faye Schonewill, Carole Galloway, Ann Horst, Carol Bierman. 2nd row, left to right: Nancy Manning, Karen Griffith, Ralph Velasquez, Bob Sorenson, George Velikanje, Carl Brown, Ken Zarembo, Jack Enbom, Janet Ferguson. 3rd row, left to right: Jerry Shafer, Bob Jones, Les Lennington, Billy Daniels, Mike Paradis, Dave Larsen, Lonnie Stull.



Constitution Committee

The Constitution Committee had the responsibility for organizing and writing the Constitution of West Valley High School. The constitution includes the rules and regulations, election procedures, eligibility rules, traditions, etc., of West Valley. Many long hours of thoughtful consideration and work by the committee were required to decide the best policies for our school. The constitution, when completed, was approved by the student council and then by the student body.



Gary Wainwright, Janet Ferguson, Nancy Manning, Mike Paradis, Sally Bierman, Karen Griffith, Gerald Gerhardt

To this vessel shall belong . . .

Student Handbook Committee

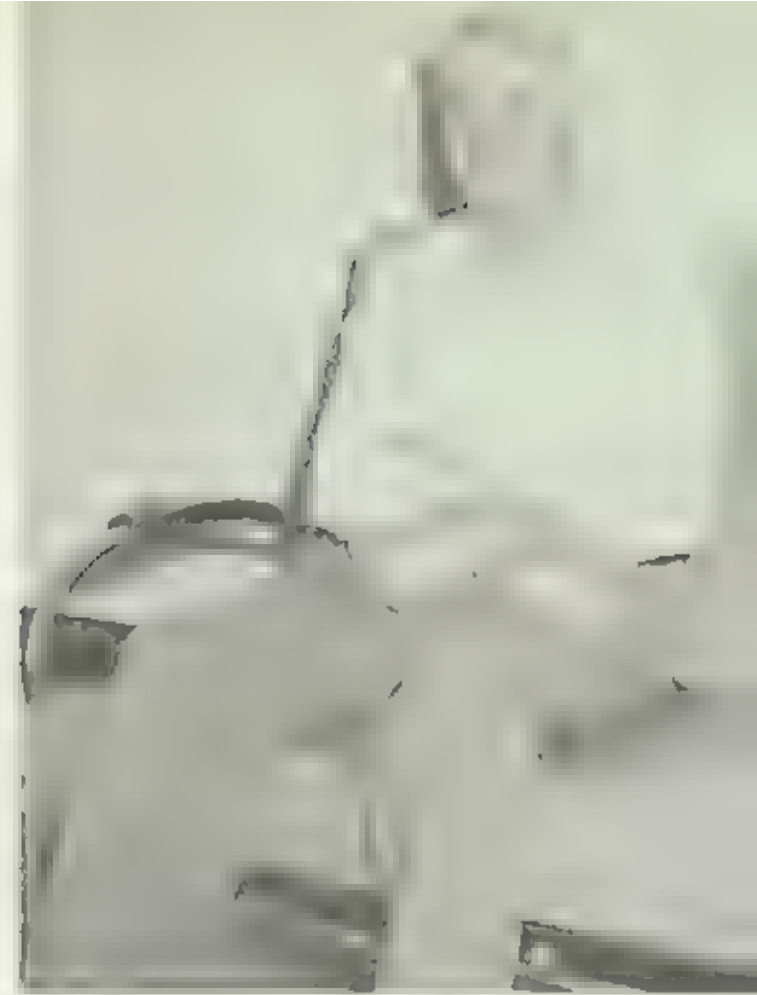
The Student Handbook Committee prepared a handbook for the students of West Valley which includes the A. S. B. constitution and constitutions of the clubs, information about the organizations and activities of the school, a list of classes offered and graduation requirements, a map and floor plans of the buildings; in fact, everything about West Valley High School that new students would need to know. It is hoped that by acquainting new students with the customs and traditions of West Valley, they will feel more at home and more loyal to their school.



Dale Ellis, Mike Paradis, Gerald Gerhardt. Second row: Becky Shields, Carole Bierman, Sally Gordner, Jo Ann Shafer, Pat Harrison

Janitor

Dallas Morton



Assistants

David Lackey, Park Riddle,
Jerry Crawford

Bus Drivers

FIRST ROW, left to right:
Leon Marquardt, Paul D.
Nystrom, Don Rennie,
Claude Smith, SECOND
ROW, left to right: Scott
Westerfield, Ernest Ash-
man, Steele Shannon, Paul
H. Nystrom, Roy Snyder.



Ah! If our souls but
poise and swing
Like the compass in its
brazen ring,

—LONGFELLOW

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Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above named matter. I am sorry to hear that you are not satisfied with the result of the investigation. I have, however, no objection to your making such use of the facts as you may think proper. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith

O. R. S.



You are a great sport and a good friend

event

Seniors

The unbending efforts of countless teachers, the love and understanding of faithful parents and the facilities of many schools have been the necessary constituents in the making of this, the first graduating class of West Valley High School.

The class of '56" is deeply grateful and indebted to the people that have made the attainment of this milestone possible. We are proud and honored to be the first graduates from this new school, and we hope that the examples we set can be respectfully followed in the years to come.

In the process of building and establishing our new school many decisions had to be made and traditions set. There was an abundance of hurdles to cross, but we feel we did our part and are proud of the job we did.

But overlooking the minor problems we faced, we happily recall the gayer moments. Indelibly imprinted in our minds are the memories of the many activities that we so genuinely looked forward to, and so thoroughly enjoyed.

"Mistletoe Fantasy" will be remembered by all as the theme of our thrilling Christmas ball. Clack Toop and Salli Bierman mounted the sparkling antiquated catter drawn by a mystically beautiful reindeer, to reign as King and Queen of the ball.

**Ever level and ever
true to the toil
and the task we have
to do;**

Good drama was displayed in the Senior class play entitled "The Little Minister." A double cast of over thirty was used to make the play a fine success.

Another highlight of the year was the Junior-Senior prom. The Juniors were the hosts and made it an occasion that will not soon be forgotten.

Finally came the day we had been striving for and yet dreaded. Graduation time had arrived. Announcements were sent, caps and gowns donned and tassels meticulously put in place. The march started and soon each held in his hand a diploma, the symbol of accomplishment.

In years to come, when we hear the familiar refrains of "Buckle Down West Valley" and see the fighting Rams engaged in royal battle, we will surely remember West Valley High School and recall all the memorable occasions when we wore the beautiful blue and red.



Seated:

Salli Bierman,
Treasurer

Janet Ferguson,
President

Gary Smith,
Vice President

Nancy Manning,
Secretary

Standing:

Larry Walker and
Carol Schonewill,
Activity Managers

Les Lennington,
Parliamentarian

Mrs. Doris Lisk,
Advisor

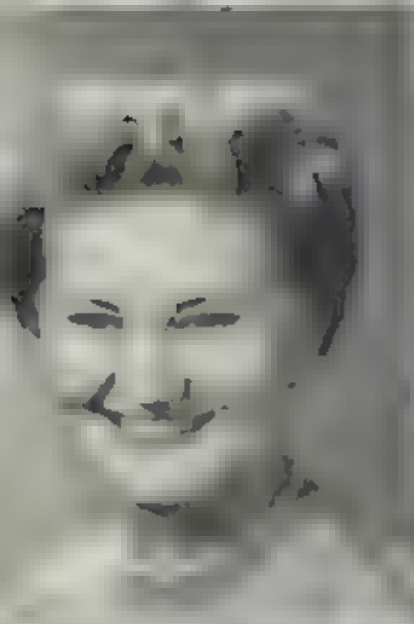




JOHN ASHBAUGH (Big John)
F. F. A. 2, 3; Football 4; Letterman's Club 4.



NANCY AULT (Red)
Book Store 3; Dramatics 4; Paper Staff 4; Pep Club 4.



SHIRLEY BARRINGER (Shirlann)
Drill Team 2; Ushers Club 2; Photo Club 2;
"Y" Teens 3; Assembly Dramatics 3; Annual Staff 4; Pep Club 4; Librarian 4; Office 4.



SILVIA BIERMAN (Salli)
Class President 1; Band 1, 2, 3; Class Vice President 2; Ceilam 1; Pep Band 2, 3; Annual Editor 4; Senior Ball Queen 4; Class Treasurer 4; Song Leader 4; Constitution Committee 4.



KATHLEEN BISHOP (Kathy)
Library Club 4; Robe Committee Chairman 4; Secretary-Treasurer of Library Club 4.



KENNETH BRYANT (Kennv)

We shall sail securely,



DOUGLAS CLAUSING (Doug)
Band 1, 2; Student Council 1; F. F. A. 3, 4; Senior Ball Committee 4.



JACK COMBS (Jack, the Ripper)
Track 1; Dramatics 3, 4; Paper Staff 4; A. S. B. Vice President 1.



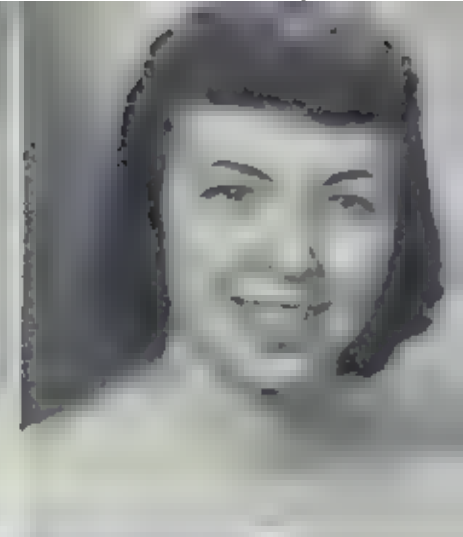
BETTY JO DAVIS (Baby Jo)
F. H. A. 4; Library 4; Pep Club 4; Dramatics 4; Dramatics Play 4; Science Club 4; After School Sports 3; Refreshment Committee Junior-Senior Prom 3.



DALE ELLIS (Curly)

DERALD ERICKSON (Rocky)

Paper Staff 3; Dramatics 3, 4; Junior Class Play 3



JANET FERGUSON (Fergie)

Class Secretary 1; President 4; Home Room Secretary 1; Vice President 3; Treasurer 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 3; Song Leader 1; Pep Club 2, 4; Social Chairman 4; Junior Class Play 3; Paper Staff 3, 4; Delegate to Tri State 3; Honor Society 3, 4; Annual Staff 1; Student Counsel 4; Constitution Committee 1



LEON FULTON (Dink)

GERALD GERHARDT (Jerry)

Journalism 4; Constitution Committee 1; Chairman of Decoration Committee for Senior Ball 4; Audio Visual Club 4; Science Club 4



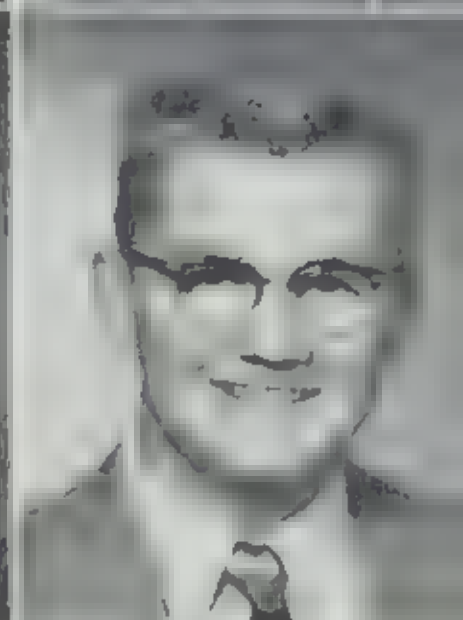
DEAN HALLAUER

Paper Staff 4; Science Club 4; Audio Visual 1; Decoration Committee for Senior Ball 4

ALICE HEATHER (Shanty Irish)

F. H. A. 2, 3; Sentinel 3; Office Practice 3; P. E. Assistant 4; Audio Visual Club 4; Girls League Representative 1.

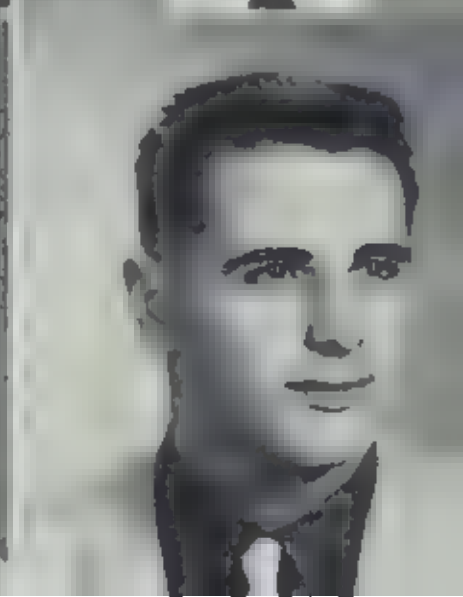
and safely reach



DORIS HOPPIS (Hoppy)

F. H. A. 1, 3, 4; Vice President 4; Pep Club 1; S. 1; Annual Staff 3, 4; Library 4; Dramatics 1; Paper Staff 4; Business Manager 4.

BOB HOWE (Snoop)

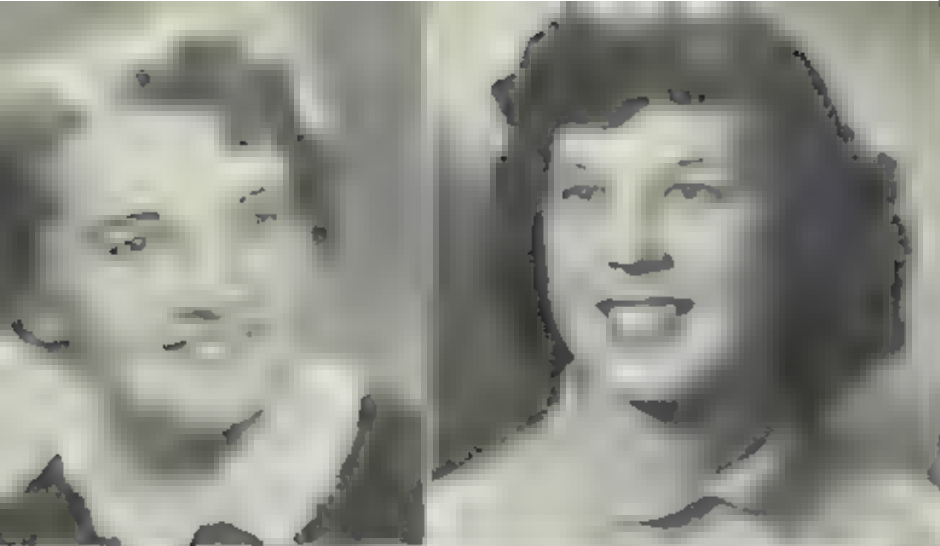


DANIEL JONES (Dan)

F. F. A. 3, 4; Dramatics 4; Dramatics Play 4.

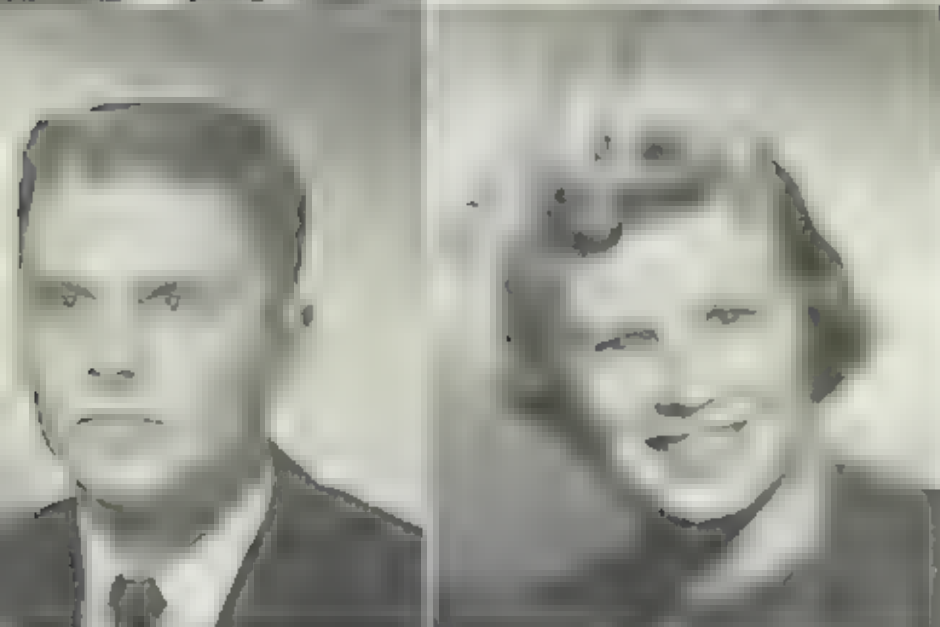
DON JONES (Stud)

Football 1, 3; Track 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Quartet 4; Student Council 1, 3; Audio Visual Club 1, 2, 3, 4.



DONNA KENNEDY (Shorty)
 F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2; Office 4;
 Library 4; Dramatics Play 4; Dramatics 3, 4;
 Annual Staff 4; Administration Editor 4;
 Paper Staff 3, 4; Assistant Editor 4; Intra
 Mural Sports 2.

MINNA LEHN (Terry)
 Pep Club 1, 2; F. H. A. 1, 2; Paper Staff 3;
 Dramatics 3, 4; Dramatics Play 4; Junior
 Class Play 3; Glee Club 3, 4; Senior Girls
 Quartet 4; President 4; Girls Athletic Club 1,
 2; Decorations Committee for Senior Ball 4.



LESTER LENINGTON (Les)
 Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Coordinating Counsel 3, 4;
 Intra Mural Sports 1, 2, 3; Decorations Com-
 mittee for Senior Ball 4; Basketball 4.

MARY ANN LUEPKE (Pug)
 Majorette 2; Ushers Club 3; "Y" Teens 3;
 Pep Club 4; Annual Staff 4; A. S. B. Social
 Chairman 4; Office 4.



NANCY MANNING (Nan)
 Paper Staff 4; Editor 1; Pep Club 3, 4; Honor
 Society 3, 4; Home Room Secretary 2, 3;
 A. S. B. Treasurer 4; Constitution Committee
 1, Chairman 4; Class Secretary 4.

FRED MARTIN (Frog)
 Football 1, 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1,
 3, 4.

the Fortunate Isles



RALPH MORTON (Pudge)

MIKE PARADIS (Odd Ball)
 F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 2; President 3;
 Parliamentary Speaking Team 2, 3, 4; Degree
 as State Farmer 3, 4; Track 1; Intra Mural
 Basketball 2; Honor Society 4; Home Room
 President 2; Treasurer 4; A. S. B. President 4;
 Student Council 4.



BILL PECKMAN (Willy)
 Track 1, 2; Basketball 1; Glee Club 1, Dra-
 matics 4; Home Room President 1; F. H. A.
 1, 2, 3.

DELORES RAYMOND

DELMAR RECORD (Big Del)

Track 1; Basketball Manager 1; P. E. Assistant 4; Band Boys League 1; Home Room Representative 1; K. C. Club 2; Audio Visual Club 4; Chess and Checker Club 3; Annual Staff 4.

SHARON RITCHEY (Sherry)

Pep Club 1, 2, 4; Publicity Chairman 4; F. H. A. 1, 4; Library 3, 4; Dramatics 3; Paper Staff 3; Annual Staff 1; Ski Club 4; Audio Visual Club 4; P. E. Assistant 4; Photography Club 3.

MILLY SANGER (Chick)

Library 3, 4; Photography Club 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 4; Secretary-Treasurer 4; Paper Staff 3; Ski Club 4; Audio Visual Club 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 4; Annual Staff 2, 4; Senior Girls Quartet 4; Vice President 4.

CAROL SCHONEWILL (Dot)

Ushers Club 3; After School Sports 2; Home Room President 1; Glee Club 4; Senior Girls Quartet 4; Dramatics 4; Dramatics Play 4; Senior Ball Princess 4.

GARY SMITH (Smitty)

Football 1, 2, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3; Track 2; Letterman's Club 4; Class Vice President 4; Senior Ball Clean-up Committee 4.

MARILYN STULL (Toots)

Glee Club 2; F. H. A. 1, 4; Pep Club 1, 2; Annual Staff 4; Library 4; Vice President 4; Home Room Secretary 1.

on whose shining beach

WALTER SWANSON (Handsome Hanson)

Football 1, 3, 4; Baseball 3; Ski Team 3; Ski Club 2, 3, 4; Program Manager 4; Letterman's Club 1; Science Club 4; Photography Club 3; Dramatics 2, 3; Stage Manager 2, 3; Paper Staff 3; Sports Editor 3; Annual Staff 4; Sports Editor 4.

GARY TRAMMELL (Tram)

K. C. Club 2; Audio Visual Club 1; Chess and Checker Club 2, 3; F. F. A. 3; Home Room Representative 1; Annual Staff 4; P. E. Assistant 4.

ANNAMAE TRUDEAU (Ann)

Paper Staff 3, 4; Dramatics 3, 4.

LARRY WALKER (Pork)

Football 1, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Intra Mural Sports 1, 3; K. C. Club 2; Senior Ball Advertising Committee 4; Annual Staff 4.





ALVINA WEISHAAR (Al)

Band 1, 2, 3; G.A.C. 1, 2; Majorette 3; Office 3, 4; Glee Club 4; Dramatics 4; Dramatics Play 4; Senior Ball Decoration Committee 4; Junior Prom Decoration Committee 3; Senior Girls Quartet 4.

BRUCE WILLARD (Jug)

Track 2; Hi Y 2, 3; Ski Club 3, 4; Science Club 4; Annual Staff 4; Knights of the Cutlass 2.

CHARLES TOOP (Chuck)

Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Home Room President 3; Photography Club 3.

MALON ZEIGLER (Clark)

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics 3, 4; Dramatics Play 4.

The sights we see, and the sounds we hear.

Senior Will

NANCY AULT—To my sis, Becky, I will my well-autographed pee-chees.

JOHN ASHBAUGH—Leaves in a cloud of dust

SILVERLY BARRINGER—My ~~new~~ ^{old} ~~map~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Woods~~

SALLI BIERMAN—My capacity to collect ~~everything~~ ^{everything} for my bulletin board to ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~most~~ ^{most} ~~attractive~~

KATHLEEN BISHOP—I will to Phyllis Vance the typewriter to type catalog cards next year.

LEON BURNAM—My parking spot at the wishing well to Terry Hubbard.

KEN BRYANT—My nightmares (an accumulation of 12 years) to anyone who wants them.

DOUG CLAUSING—My places in the advanced Ag. class to George Ortman.

JACK COMBS—I will my evil thoughts and reputation to Tim Nebeker.

BETTY JO DAVIS—My Ford Thunderbird to Ralph Velasquez to take some lucky girl out.

DALE ELLIS—My curly hair to Dave Larsen.

DERALD ERICKSON—All of my money problems to Perry Casey.

JANET FERGUSON—My ability to blow the chemistry lab up to Patty Goodykontz.

LEON FULTON—My good behavior in class to Dave Vallem.

GERALD GERHARDT—To the teachers an abundance of handcuffs, muzzles, stocks, and the heart to use them on Dave Larsen and Ken Ormiston.

GENE GREDVIC—I will my desire to get out of here to Bob Ball.

DEAN HALLAUER—Next year's senior boys success in obtaining a boys home economic class.

ALICE HEATER—I will my ability to be left alone by Jim Auslam, to Janet Bitz and Bev Mondor.

DORIS HOPPIS—My shorthand grades to Janet Yergen.

BOB HOWE—I will my ability to copy to Wreathia Chisholm.

DAN JONES—I will my poor English grades to anyone who can bring them up.

DON JONES—My ability to sleep in any class and only flunk one or two of them to all the boys who are foolish enough to try it.

DONNA KENNEDY—To Evelyn Nelson, I will my lost driver's training book.

LES LENINGTON—The ability to be on the "A" squad basketball team and sit on the bench and take shivers to Gene Clasen.

MARY ANN LUEPKE—My desk in Mrs. Most's study hall to Joy Suckow.

NANCY MANNING—My black satin torreador pants to Jeff Miller.

FRED MARTIN—My ability to flunk four consecutive quarters of shorthand to anyone that wants it.

RALPH MORTON—My muddy and dangerous rides with Dale Garretson to anyone who has enough nerve to get in his beat-up Studebaker.

MIKE PARADIS—My prayer for a quick, hardy recovery of the workmen to Karl Froula.

BILL PECKMAN—All my extra credits to Christy McGordon.

DELORES RAYMOND—My ability to be engaged and still finish school I will to Janie McReynolds.

DELMAR RECORD—To Ira Gano my laziness in Mr. Sorho's study hall.

CHARLES RIPLINGER—To Jack Humphreys my place in English III.

SHARON RITCHEY—Will the pain in her toe to Mrs. Dowd.

MILLY SANGER—

CAROL SCHONEWILL—My bikini bathing suit to Sam Hazard and may he use it wisely.

GARY SMITH—My physics book to Dave Eckland in the hope that he can translate it into the English language.

MARILYN STULL—Wills her interest in the Vander Howens to Marilyn Mayfield and Jan Mize.

WALT SWANSON—My iddy-bitty booties and suped-up kiddy car to Richard Birkby.

CHUCK TOOP—I bequeath all my over-expired detention slips to Ken Wolf.

GARY TRAMMEL—I will my knowledge of the slide rule to Mr. Dowd.

ANNAMAE TRUDEAU—All my fun at the Gay Chateau to Sandra Blackburn, which doesn't mean that I won't still go.

LARRY WALKER—My crew cut and Chevy Corvette to Lonnie Stull to take out those goodlooking W. V. H. S. girls.

ALVINA WEISHAAR—My seat in dramatics to some lucky junior.

BRUCE WILLARD—My book "Smoking vs. Cancer" to anyone in need.

MALON ZEIGLER—I will to Chris Perez all the goodlooking girls.

DON ZIER—All my torn detention slips to those who need some



Valedictorian

Sylvia Bierman, valedictorian, was born in Bison, South Dakota, on September 13, 1938. She began her high school career in Cresbard, South Dakota, spending her freshman and sophomore years there. As a junior she attended Yakima Senior High and completed her high school education here at West Valley.

Sylvia, better known as Salli, says she has really enjoyed her high school life. While earning a grade point average of 3.81, she has enjoyed numerous activities and held various offices. She was a band member for three years, and participated in declamation, paper reporting, and the all-school play her first two years. This year, as a senior, she served as a song leader, editor of the Winoah, senior class treasurer, president of the Honor Society, was a member of the Library Club and Constitution Committee and was in the senior play.

Salli plans to attend Pacific Lutheran College next year, and hopes to gain a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

Will be those of joy and not of fear?"

Salutatorian

Mike Paradis is salutatorian with a grade point average of 3.45. He has been very active in school and community both at Highland and at West Valley. This year Mike was elected A & B President and did a fine job organizing the Student Council and other clubs. He also served as chairman of the Student Handbook and Constitution Committees. Mike is very interested in F. F. A. and 4-H work. As a sophomore and junior he was treasurer and president of Highland's F. F. A. Chapter and he participated in the Parliamentary Procedure Speaking teams. Last year Mike earned his degree of State Farmer. In 4-H, Mike also held many offices and has won a great number of trophies, ribbons, and banners for showing live stock and western riding horses. In 1954, he was a member of the 4-H Washington Livestock Judging Team at Chicago.

Mike was born in Yakima, July 16, 1938. He always tried to accept responsibility and do his part well. An indication of Mike's fine character is the fact that he was taken into the Honor Society as a junior and this year was selected as the student representative to West Valley's citizen committee.

Next year Mike plans to attend the State College of Washington and major in Animal Husbandry. We are sure he will continue to participate actively in school and community affairs, and make as great a contribution as he has in the past.





Can you find the following students?

Barbara Gerwig, Shirley Barringer, Alvina Weishaar, Nancy Manning, Salli Bierman, Mrs. Lisk, Betty Jo Davis, Dorin Hoppis, Gary Trammell, Gerald Gerhardt, Don Jones, Ken Bryant, Dale Ellis, Janet Ferguson, Marilyn Stull, Sharon Ritchey, Dean Hallauer, Chuck Toop, Mary Ann Luepke, Carol Schonewill.

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"Ah! What a wondrous
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LONGFELLOW

C. H. A.

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Juniors

The Juniors had a very busy year as they sponsored dances, roller-skating parties, cake sales, and other money making projects in anticipation of the Junior-Senior Banquet and Junior Prom in May. These events were certainly two of the highlights of the year. Another activity of the Junior Class was the Junior Class play, "Jumpin' Jupiter," a comedy in three acts, directed by Mr. Lawrence Lowther. The cast is to be highly commended for their excellent performance and for setting such a fine precedent as the first West Valley group to present a play. The Juniors were also very excited when they ordered their class rings, the first to be worn from West Valley High School.

To note how many wheels of toil



***Seated,
left to right:***

**Anne Walker,
Treasurer**

**Lonnie Stull,
President**

**Nancy Woodin,
Vice President**

**Marcia Brown,
Secretary**

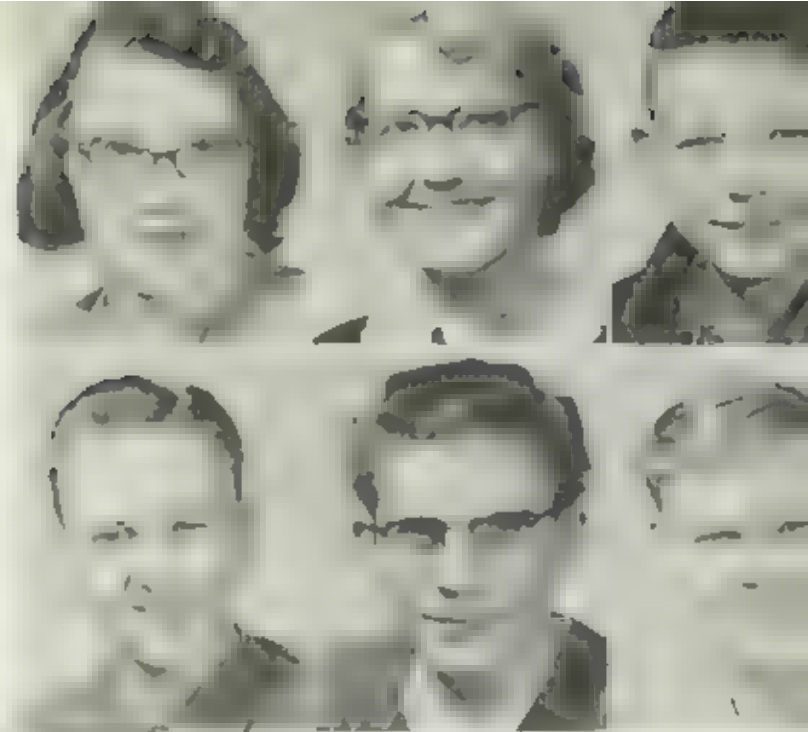
Standing:

**Carolyn Sanislo and
Terry Hubbard,
Social Chairmen**

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Auslam, Jim

Ball, Bob
Barber, Miles
Barnes, Claud



Beaman, Pearl
Bitz, Janet
Birkby, Richard
Brown, Marcia



*David
Burnham*

Burnam, Rex
Clark, Mary
Clasen, Gene
Clow, Linda



Collins, Chuck
Drossart, Arlene
Edwards, Wilma
Esparza, Ray



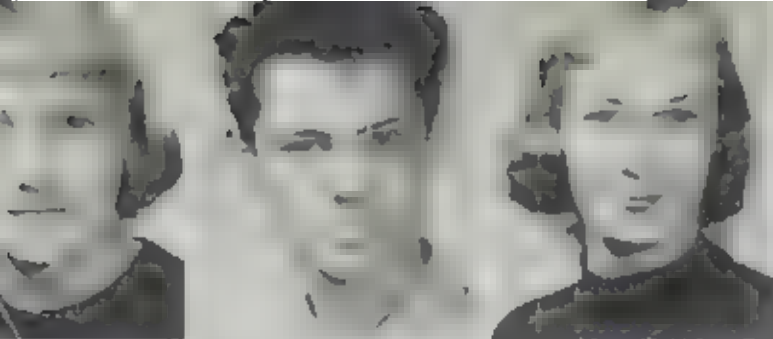
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Goodykoontz, Patty



Griffith, Karen
Hafso, Nancy
Hammermeister, Dean
Hazard, Sam



Heater, Elaine
Hill, Dick
Horst, Ann

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in motion!***



Hubbard, Terry
Hudson, Betty
Huff, Bill

Inman, Joan
Iriarte, Elaine
Jones, Larry
Jones, Shirley



Kelley, Pat
Kessinger, Lola
Kokenge, Deanna
Kruger, Gary



Lange, Vivian
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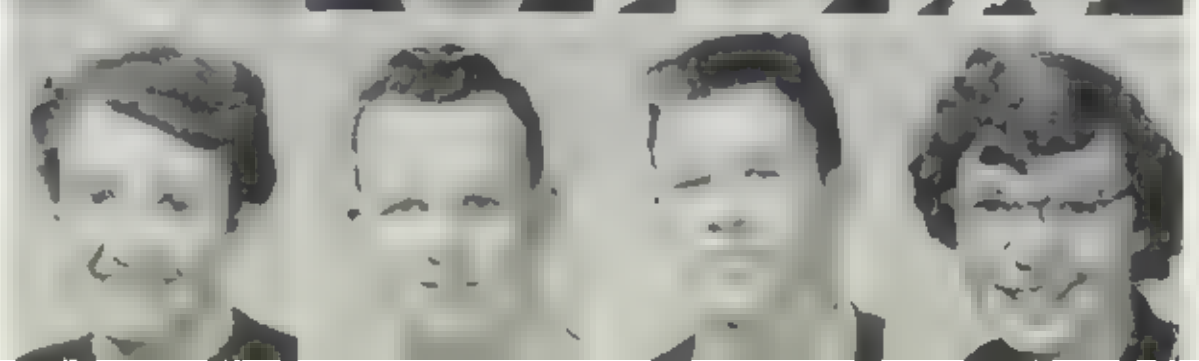
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Marcum, Leon



Mondor, Bev
Morton, Paul
Morton, Ruby
Nonnenmacher, Fran



Nelson, Evelyn
Ormiston, Ken
Peters, Wayne
Rogers, Wanda



Sanislo, Carolyn
Savage, Rollie
Scheuffele, Lillian



Shannon, Juanita
Sickler, Jerry
Smith, Bill



Storms, Helen
Stull, Lonnie
Taylor, Dale
Thompson, Eugene

Vallen, Dave
Vance, Phyllis
Walker, Anne
Walker, JoAnn

Walter, John
Weiler, Patty
Wiley, Joe
Winton, Lennie

Withers, Carolyn
Wolf, Ken
Woodin, Nancy
Wooton, Tom

Yergen, Janet
Young, Marilyn
Zier, Shirley



Sophomores

The Sophomore class was very active in school affairs this year. Their main activities were money-making projects to help finance the Junior Prom and Junior-Senior Banquet next year. They sponsored a very successful Valentine Dance in February, which everyone remembers because of the free cokes and beautiful decorations. They had a large representation in Student Council, Pep Club, and Lettermen's Club as well as the other clubs. In fact, the Sophomore's participation in sports has given them invaluable experience which will greatly aid West Valley's chances for winning teams in the next two years.

We are expecting the Sophomores to make a great contribution to the reputation of West Valley and we know they will do a fine job as upper-classmen.

There's not a ship . . .



Tom Ward,
Treasurer

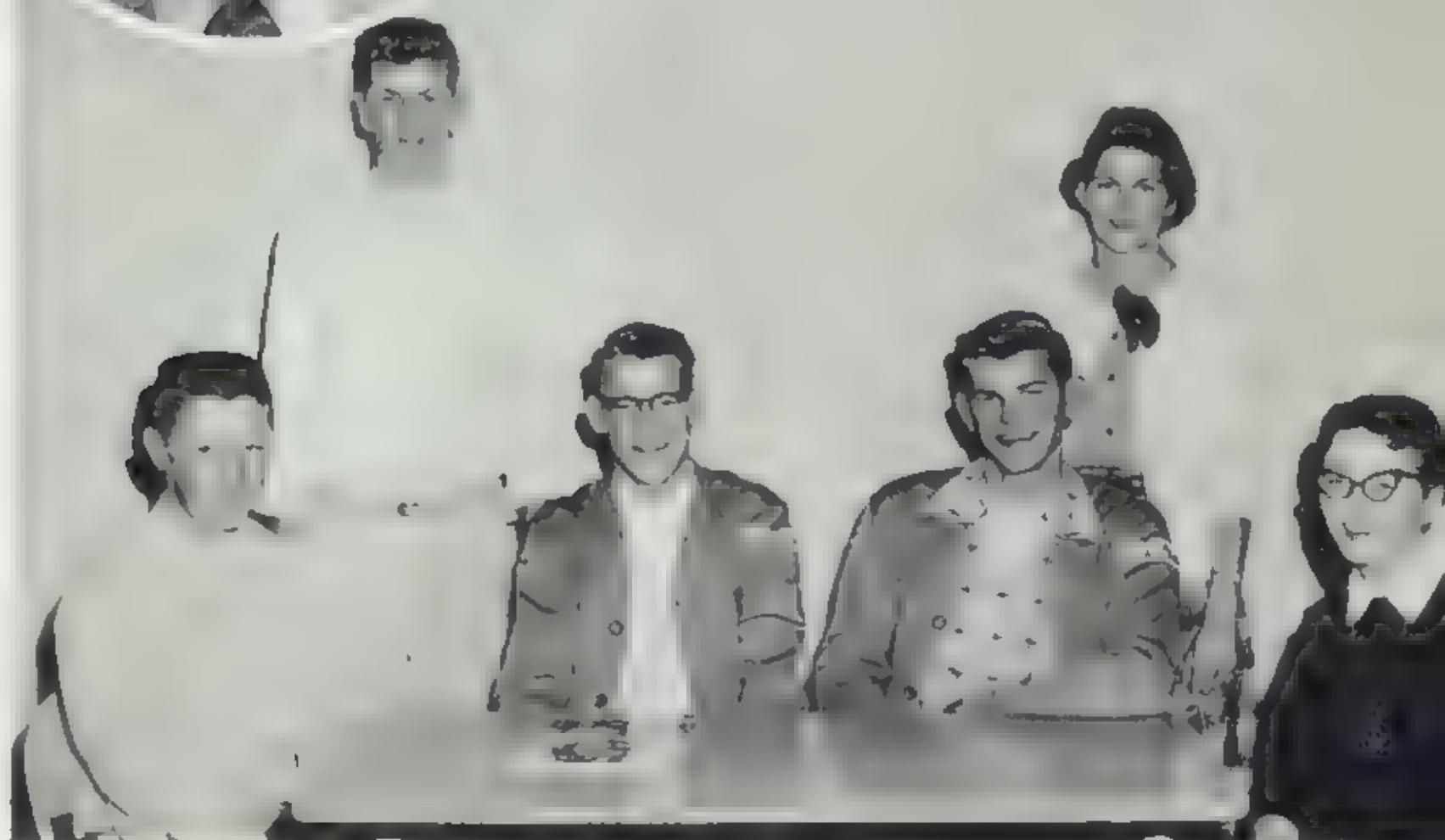
George Vilikanje,
President

Gene Toop,
Vice President

Pat Harrison,
Secretary

Ra and Ruth Gano,
Co-Social Chairmen

Mr. Walter Mick,
Advisor





Anderson, Loretta
 Ashbaugh, Fred
 Ashbaugh, Sharon
 Bailey, Keith

Beason, Rosalie
 Beck, Jim
 Berg, Roger
 Bonnett, Bob

Borton, Bob
 Borton, Nancy
 Brooks, Ronald
 Brownell, Carol

Campbell, Sharon
 Christianson, Susan
 Cornella, Josephine
 Crawford, Bartis

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Dorn, Barbara
 Eaton, Pat
 Ekland, Dave
 Enhom, Jack

Esparza, Toni
 Everts, Milton
 Fluaatt, Brian
 Frazier, Arnold

Friesen, Robert
 Galloway, Carole
 Gano, Ira
 Gano, Ruth

Geer, Gale
 Gibson, Janice
 Gibson, Ronald
 Gibson, Sandra

Giffin, Car
 Gillette, Dick
 Goldsmith, Jimmy
 Goode, Raymond

Gorman, Sharon
 Gray, Barbara
 Groenig, Gene
 Guillard, Linda

Hallauer, Bob
 Hammermeister, Barbara
 Harrison, Pat
 Haubrich, Jeanine

Heironimus, Mary
 Hensley, Jim
 Herrell, Ron
 Hickey, Edward



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Hotchkiss, Craig
 Houck, Fred
 Humphries, Jack
 Humphries, Ruth

Johnson, Dean
 Jones, Lester
 Jones, Terry
 Junker, Lou

Klosterman, Greg
 Knox, Carol
 Lange, Herschel
 Lee, Janet

Lindeman, Bob
 Lindgren, Joan
 Loveland, Mildred
 McDevitt, Mary Jo





McGrew, Gerald
McPherson, Sandy
Manning, John
Marquardt, Wanda

Martin, Beverly
Meyer, Norm
Miles, Wilda
Miller, Jeff

Mitzel, Pete
Mize, Jan
Morton, Nancy
Nebeker, Tim

Nichols, Roger
Olson, Rick
Ortman, George
Overstreet, Fred

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Parks, JoAnne
Perala, Doyle
Price, Jerry
Purdom, Bonita

Raymond, Ray
Roberson, Judy
Roberts, Pat
Robinson, Ken

Robison, Ramona
Rogers, Paul
Russell, Don
Russell, Pat

Shafer, Jerry
Shannon, Jerry
Smith, David
Smith, Donna

Smith, Geraldine
 Smith, Jim
 Sorensen, Bob
 Struthers, Nancy



Suckow, Joy
 Tabert, Bob
 Tabert, Charlev
 Ternes, Ray



Thoma, Judy
 Thompson, Jerry
 Tibbett, Alvin
 Toop, Gene



Treat, Dennis
 Trepanier, Dulyce
 Trepanier, Rueben
 Turner, Darrell



Must bring

Vallem, Laura
 Velasquez, Barbara
 Velasquez, Ralph
 Velikanje, George



Wainscott, Gary
 Ward, Tom
 Weiss, Judie
 West, Dortha



Williams, Gordon
 Withers, Tom
 Woodhouse, Jill
 Woodin, Victor



Wooton, Pat
 Worrell, Patty
 Zaremba, Ron
 Zier, Melvin



Freshmen

It was a double thrill for the Freshmen to start school at the new West Valley High, because it was also the first of their four exciting years of high school. On that first day of school they were all a little scared, wondering what a big high school would be like. They were also thrilled with new books and the first explorations into the mysteries of algebra and other new subjects. Soon they had made many new friends and really began to get into the swing of things.

The Freshmen started right off by taking an active part in school activities. Many of the girls participated in Pep Club and Drill Team, and the boys made a fine showing in all sports. The Freshman basketball team beat Seab's freshmen by one point in one of West Valley's most exciting games.

With Mrs. Lorraine Slagte as their advisor, the Freshman class elected their officers and made plans for their first money making project, a Tolo Dance in February. If their projects in future years are as successful as their dance and they continue through their school years with such enthusiasm, we are assured that the Freshmen of '50 will continue to uphold the traditions of our school and make West Valley a better school.

Its tribute

Seated: Carol Bierman, President; Becky Shields, Secretary; Jo Ann Shafer, Co-social Chairman. **Standing:** Bob Perez, Sergeant-at-Arms; Roy Campbell, Vice President; Billy Daniels, Co-social Chairman; Ron Maulding, Treasurer.

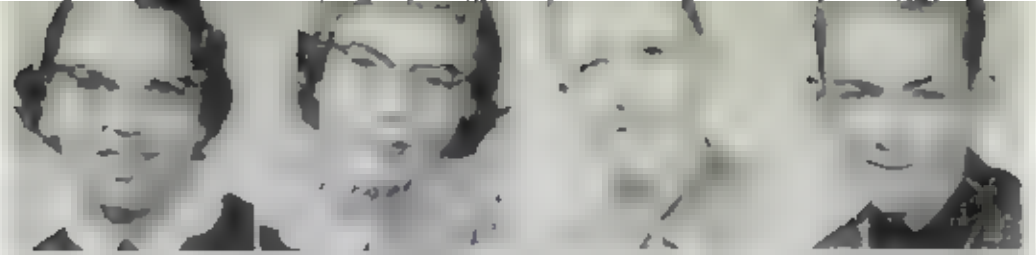


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Allen, Pamela

Allworth, Jack

Amer, Jimmy



Anderson, Larry

Asher, Patsy

Atterberrv, Glen

Bailey, Alice



Barnes, Darlene

Bell, Rodney

Berg, Dale

Berndt, Jerry



Best, Billy

Bierman, Carole

Birkby, Judy

Blackburn, Sandra



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Borley, Jim

Brown, Carl

Brown, Pat

Brunner, Allen



Burke, Connie

Burnham, Joanne

Cahoon, Bill

Campbell, Joy



Campbell, Roy

Carlson, Joyce

Carson, Charles

Casey, Perry



Catlin, Herald

Chisholm, Wreatha

Clausing, Janet

Clift, Carolyn





Connelly, Carolyn
Crawford, Jerry
Cunningham, Sharon
Daniels, Billy

Decoto, Raymond
Donaldson, Carol
Erickson, Anne
Esparza, Richard

Euteneier, John
Fromm, Angie
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Funk, Barbara

Gavin, John
Gerhardt, David
Ginder, Patty
Glenn, Joyce

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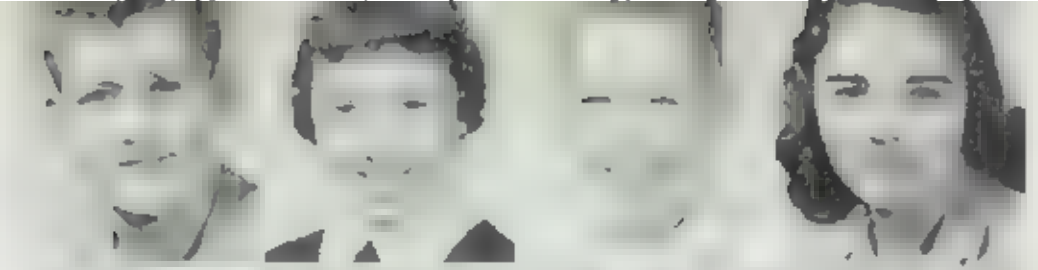
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Hart, Nancy
Harris, Cornelius
Heater, Robert

Heironimus, Bob
Helm, Mary
Hill, Daryl
Hickey, Ardell

Hoppis, Bernell
 Houck, Carol
 Hubbard, Philip
 Hugill, Brenda



Iriarte, Mary
 Janssen, Phil
 Johnson, Carole
 Jones, Bob



Jones, Marie
 Kokenge, Don
 Krueger, Donna
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 Maulding, Rolland
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 Mayfield, Jack



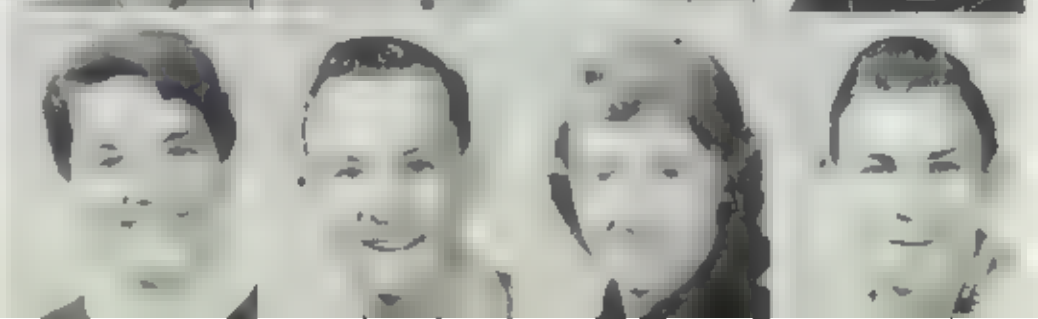
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 Overstreet, Kathy
 Pankey, David





Perala, Ken
Perez, Bob
Perez, Chris
Perkins, Leota

Phelps, Wayne
Plughoff, Billy
Poulson, LeRoy
Rhodes, Marie

Ribail, Shirley
Riddle, Park
Rose, Budd
Sappenfield, Joy

Scherer, Susan
Schonewill, Faye
Schreiner, Judy
Shafer, Joann

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Shields, Becky
Shirey, Jonathan
Stapleton, Myra
Steenbergen, Julian

Stevenson, Jerry
Stitt, Lynn
Terry, Gloria
Thompson, Dave

Torson, Bob
Trepanier, Ione
Trudeau, Francois
Tuck, Corene

Tucker, Bob
Turner, Paul
Urquhart, Emily
Vance, Gary

Vander Houwen, David

Voshell, Billy

Ward, Richard

Ward, Sam

Walker, Marv

White, Larry

Whiteside, Marlene

Wiley, Charley

Wilkerson, Arlis

Winters, Sally

Withers, Lauren

Young, Delores

Zaremha, Ken

Zier, Eddy



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One Phase of West Valley Student Life

1. Sociology class
3. Practicing in dramatics
5. Typing 1

2. 4th period library
4. Scene in Home Ec.
6. Mr. Dowd's algebra class

Day by day the vessel
grew.

With timbers fashioned
strong and true.

—LONGFELLOW

Organic

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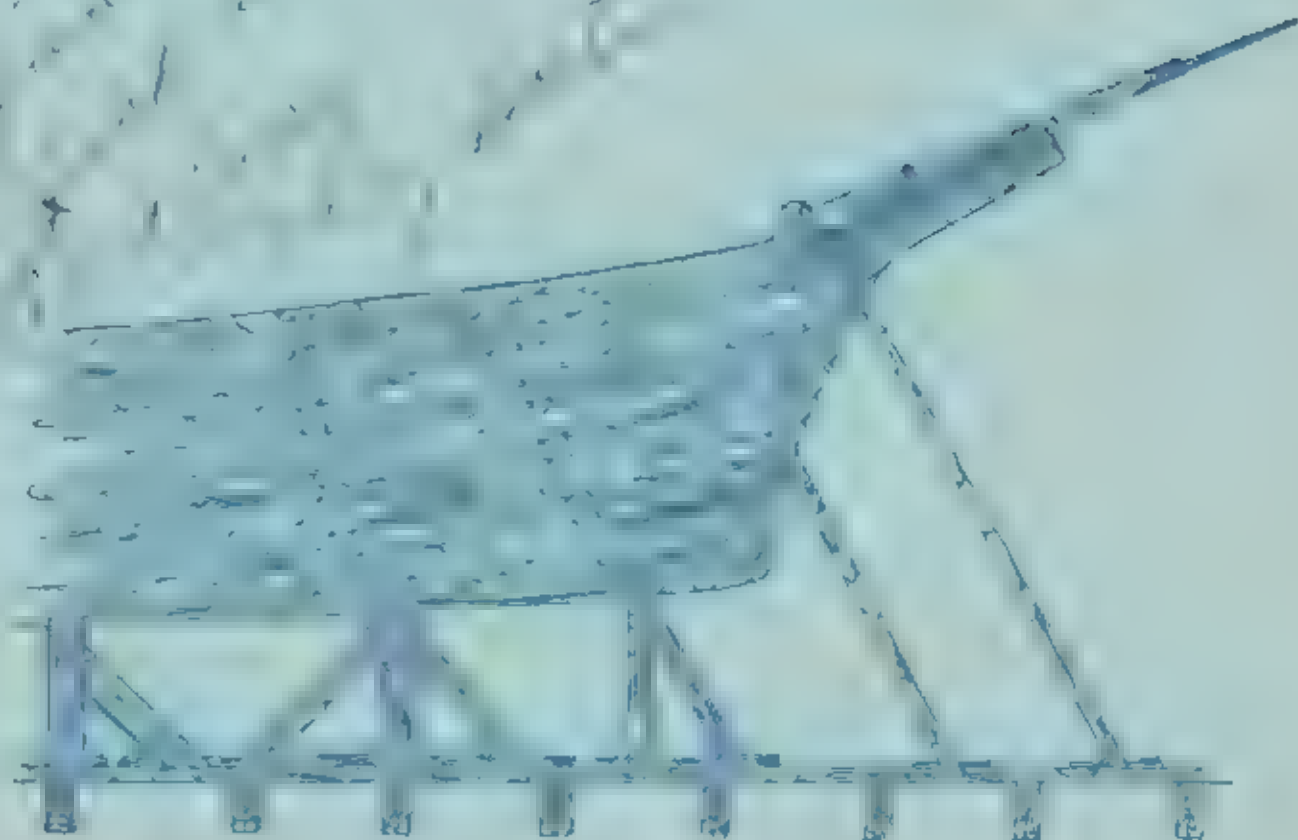
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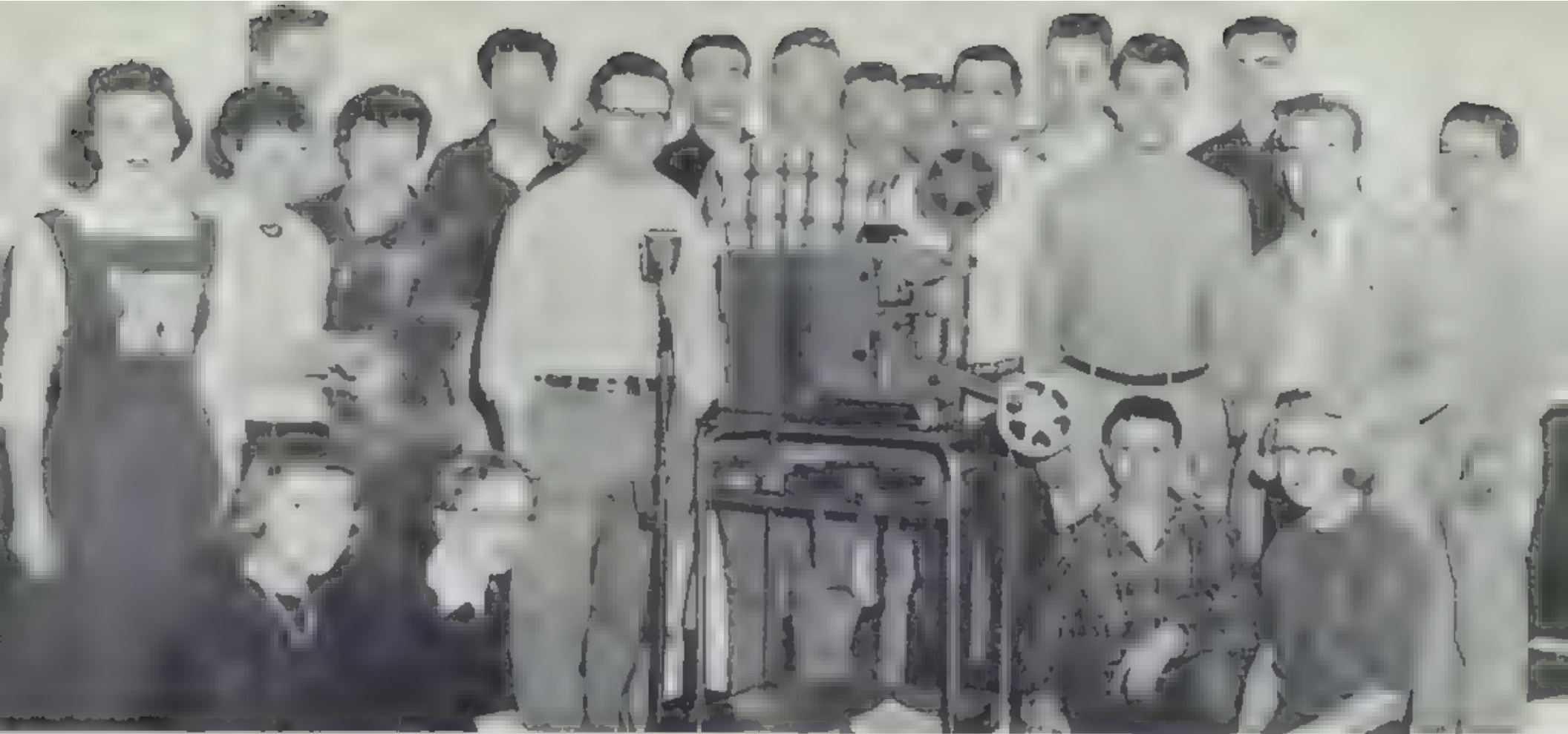
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FIRST ROW, left to right: Elaine Heater, Juanita Shannon, Robert Heater, Alice Heater. **SECOND ROW, left to right:** Pat Weiler, Milly Sanger, Jerry Berndt, Sharon Ritchey, Hollis Driver, Sam Hazard, Jack Mayfield, Gene Clusen, Tom Withers, Norm Meyers, Don Jones, Gerald Gerhardt, Fred Houck, Dean Hallauer, Mr. Sorbo, instructor, Gary Trammell.

Audio Visual

This group of students has made a big contribution to the school. Early in the year they learned how to run the projector and other equipment and were always on hand to show movies for the teachers.

Debate Club

At the end of this year, the Debate Club is able to look back on many good times. After several practice debates with Yakima, Marquette, and St. Joseph and a practice tournament at Pasco, they attended the tournament at Gonzaga University in Spokane. Later, in March, they traveled to Tacoma for the C. P. S. tournament.

Seated: Leota Perkins, Pamela Allen, Marie Rhodes, Juanita Miller, Wanda Marquardt, Karen Griffith. **Standing:** Mr. Lowther, advisor; David Lackey, Robert Hallauer, Ken Peralta, Sally Gordner, Joanne Burnham, Pat Brown, Maralyn Mayfield.





FIRST ROW, left to right: Jimmy Goldsmith, Norman Meyer, Dennis Treat, Fred Ashbaugh, Richard Ward, Julian Steinbergen, Doyle Peralta, Mr. Burnside. **SECOND ROW, left to right:** Tom Wooton, Malon Zeigler, Charles Tabert, George Ortman, Walter Fromm, David Vander Howven, Roger Nichols, Ron Gibson. **THIRD ROW, left to right:** Mike Paradis, Eugene Thompson, Robert Tabert, Jerry Price, Ira Gano, Raymond Decoto, Ken Wolf.



FIRST ROW, left to right: Arlis Wilkerson, Budd Rose, Robert Heironimus, Tom Ward, Fred Hanson, Billy Plughoff, Gary Vance, Larry White. **SECOND ROW, left to right:** Doug Clausen, Leon Burnam, Chuck Collins, Chuck Ripplinger, Edward Hickey, Dan Jones, Perry Casey, Willis Miller. **THIRD ROW, left to right:** Dale Berg, Billy Best, Robert Heater, Herald Catlin, Glen Atterberry, Eddie Zier, Lennie Winton, Lester Jones.

F. F. A.

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization for boys between the ages of 14 and 21 who are studying vocational agriculture in the public high school. The West Valley Chapter of the F. F. A. consists of 54 members. Their main goal is to develop better farmers of the future. They have participated in livestock judging and will continue to participate in various other judging contests.

The qualifications for membership are to be regularly enrolled in a vocational agriculture class and have satisfactory plans for a program of supervised farming and be familiar with the F. F. A. and its program of work. There are four degrees of active membership, these are, Green Hand Farmers, Chapter Farmers, State Farmer, and American Farmer. Many of the boys have received these degrees.



1ST ROW, left to right: Beverly Martin, Janice Gibson, Susan Christenson, Judie Wiess, Marilyn Stull, Nancy Hafso, Carolyn Clift, Phyllis Vance, Nancy Morton, Pat Ackerman. 2ND ROW, left to right: June Scheuffele, Betty Wootin, Shirley Ribial, Patty Worrel, Gail Taylor, Milly Sanger, Sharon Ritchey, Nancy Struthers, Mary Iriarte, Janet Ferguson, Judy Olson, Ruby Morton, Miss Freeman. 3RD ROW, left to right: Jan Mize, Wanda Marquardt, Alice Bailey, Carolyn Connelly, Dortha West, Jane McReynolds, Wretha Chisholm, Barbara Funk, Sharon Campbell, Gerry Smith, Betty Jo Davis, Joy Sappenfield, Myra Stapleton, Doris Hoppis.



1st row, left to right: Loretta Anderson, Barbara Gray, Glenda Hammerstad, Emily Urquhart, Anne Erickson, Evelyn Nelson, Linda May, Patty Goodvkoontz, Lola Kessinger, Juanita Shannon. 2ND ROW, left to right: Carole Gallaway, Nancy Borton, Judy Thoma, Carol Donaldson, Barbara Dorn, Marlene Whiteside, Maralyn Mayfield, Lillian Scheuffele, Becky Ault, Ann Horst, Barbara Gerwig, Betty Hudson, Angie Fromm. 3RD ROW, left to right: Joanne Burnham, Sandra Gibson, Arlene Abrams, Joann Inman, Vivian Lange, Judy Roberson, Carol Brownell, Marie Rhodes, Shirley Zier, Nancy Woodon, Barbara Hammermeister, Pearl Beaman, Pat Brown, Nancy Hart.

F. H. A.

The Future Homemakers of America Chapter at West Valley had a membership of 76 this year. At the beginning of the year, election of officers was held with the Highland chapter installing the newly-elected officers. In October, they were co-hostess with Highland at the regional meeting. During National F.H.A. Week, which was in November, they honored the teachers with "Be Kind to Teachers" Day and helped the school by washing windows. In December, they gave a large basket of food to a needy family. In the months that followed, the F.H.A. sponsored a talent show, held a cake sale, and attended conventions.

Girls who are enrolled in Home Economics for one semester may join this organization. Many work toward their Junior Homemaker degree and Chapter degree. This is done on a point system established by the chapter. The highest degree that a girl may receive is that of the State Homemaker. This is obtained by meeting all the requirements of the state organization and by letters written by the school superintendent, principal, home economic teacher, F.H.A. advisor, and any leading community resident.

Rams Tales Staff



EDITOR
Nancy Manning

The West Valley Rams Tales is a bi-monthly publication of the journalism class. The paper is written, edited and distributed by the students themselves.

School news is thoroughly covered in each edition of the paper consisting of editorials, school activities, gossip, sports, and public opinion polls. Because this was the beginning of a paper at West Valley, the staff had many precedents to set. The name was selected after being voted on by the students: the staff was elected to fill the major positions on the paper, and the number of publications was decided upon. The paper staff did a fine job under the auspices of Miss Martin.



Business Manager, Doris Hoppis
Assistant Editor, Donna Kennedy

FRONT ROW, left to right: Miles Barber, Nancy Ault, Becky Ault, Ruby Morton, Janet Ferguson, Don Zier.
BACK ROW, left to right: Gerald Gerhardt, Dean Hallauer, Jack Combs, Chuck Toop.



Honor Society



Nancy Manning, Treasurer; Gerald Gerhardt, Vice-President; Janet Yergen, Secretary.



President Salli Bierman

Tapping for Honor Society was held in March. The ceremony was a bit unusual, for the verses revealing the names of the new members were read over the inter-com and those tapped were taken to the office to repeat the oath of membership. Solemnly these honored students promised to uphold the purposes of the society and to strive to make its ideals the ideals of the school

FIRST ROW, left to right: Mrs. Lisk, advisor; Lester Jones, Janet Ferguson, Nancy Manning, Carol Brownell, Vivian Lange, Jo Anne Parks, Karen Griffith, Janet Yergen, Nancy Woodin, Jo Ann Walker, Marcia Brown, Barbara Gerwig, Eugene Fairchild, Mrs. Dowd, advisor. SECOND ROW, left to right: Ken Bryant, Dave Ekland, Shirley Gardner, Gerald Gerhardt, Dean Hallauer, Fred Houck, George Velikanje, Mary Jo McDevitt, Mike Paradis.





FIRST ROW, *left to right*: Jeanne Haubrich, Jan Mize, Sue Goudy, Linda Clow, Mary Clark, Pat Weiler, Anne Walker, Loretta Anderson, Susan Christianson. SECOND ROW, *left to right*: Jo Anne Parks, Nancy Morton, Barbara Gillette, Barbara Gray, Pat Russell, Nancy Woodin, Sandra Gibson, Janice Gibson, Pat Wooton, Patty Worrell, Ruth Gano, Shirley Zier. THIRD ROW, *left to right*: Jo Ann Walker, Donna Smith, Gail Taylor, Joan Lindgren, Sharon Gorman, Judy Thoma, Joy Suckow, Mary Jo McDevitt, Christie Megorden, Lou Junker, Betty Wooton, Barbara Gerwig, Elsa Lovestrand. FOURTH ROW, *left to right*: Pearl Braman, Bev Mondor, Lola Kessinger, Nancy Lee, Judy Roberson, Judie Weisa, Wanda Marquardt, Bonita Purdom, Sharon Campbell, Brenda Hugill, Janet Lee, Jill Woodhouse.

Pep Club

The Pep Club was one of the first organizations to be started at West Valley. With Mrs. Betty Jo Dowd as their advisor, the girls elected officers and chose their uniforms. Thereafter, white sweaters with the ram's head emblem were seen at all the games. The Pep Club girls, led by President Shirley Zier, did a fine job of keeping up the school spirit at the football and basketball games. Other officers in the club were Marcia Brown, Vice President; Secretary-Treasurer, Milly Sanger; Publicity Chairmen, Sharon Ritchey, Jo Ann Shafer, and Becky Shields; Sergeants-at-Arms, Phyllis Vance and Janet Yergen; and Social Chairman, Janet Ferguson. The Pep Club also put on a skit at a pep assembly and sponsored a dance during the year.

FIRST ROW, *left to right*: Carol Brownell, Patty Goodykoontz, Marcia Brown, Pat Harrison, Carolyn Sanislo, Mary Ann Luepke, Betty Jo Davis, Doris Hoppis. SECOND ROW, *left to right*: Joan Inman, Alice Badley, Betty Hudson, Phyllis Vance, Ann Horst, Barbara Dorn, Lynda May, Nancy Struthers, Sharon Ritchey, Milly Sanger, Shirley Barringer. THIRD ROW, *left to right*: Pat Eaton, Ramona Robinson, Janet Yergen, Diane Holm, Linda Guiland, Carole Johnson, Leota Perkins, Delores Young, June Scheuffele, Kathy Overstreet, Judy Olson, Angie Fromm, Janet Ferguson, Bonita Purdom. FOURTH ROW, *left to right*: Marie Rhodes, Myra Stapleton, Carolyn Connelly, Emily Urquhart, Janet Bitz, Becky Shields, Carole Bierman, Nancy Borton, Susan Sherer, Pamela Allen, Judy Birkby, Jo Ann Shafer, Carol Houck, Sandra Blackburn.





Salli Bierman, Linda Clow, Mary Clark, Toni Esparza, Pat Weiler

Songleaders

Cheerleaders

Carolyn Sanislo, Carole Galloway, Pat Harrison



Office Girls

The nine office girls this year have been busy helping the school and learning office customs at the same time. They have typed letters, cut corridor passes, run off mimeographed notices, dittoed tests, answered the telephone, filed excuses, and run errands. All of this is involved in the process of learning office routine.

Office practice is a class, receiving the full credit that any other class receives. Students who type well, have a good knowledge of English, and are responsible, are eligible to take office practice.

Left to right: Kathleen Bishop, Carolyn Withers, Donna Kennedy, Alvina Weisshaar, Nancy Hafso, Ruby Morton, Shirley Barringer, Mary Ann Luepke, Carolyn Sanislo.



Library Girls

The librarians this year have really been the busy bees of the school. They had many new books which they made ready for the shelves for the students to enjoy. Notes about the author and the book were placed inside so that students could "preview" the book. The pockets and slips had to be typed and numbers and letters written on them. It was a long and tedious task, but it was completed. The card catalog was done by all librarians.

Work isn't the only thing they have done. At Christmastime, a party was held and gifts were exchanged. Several other social functions were also held.

Left to right: Arlene Abrams, Donna Kennedy, Betty Jo Davis, Marilyn Stull, Patty Goodykoontz, Ann Horst, Nancy Manning, Kathleen Bishop. Row 2: Phyllis Vance, Sharon Ritchey, Janet Yergen, Mrs. Berge, Doris Hoppis, Shirley Barringer, Millie Sanger, Barbara Gerwig, Shirley Gardner.





Left to right: Laura Vallum, Patty Goodykoontz, Fran Nonnenmacher, Betty Jo Davis, Nancy Struthers, Barbara Gray, Barbara Dorn, Carole Galloway, Pat Harrison, Pat Kelley, Ann Horst, Shirley Gardner, Jim Henaley, Dean Hallauer, Gerald Gerhardt, Ken Ormiston, Lonnie Stull.

Science Club

With the enthusiastic support of advisor Mr. Howard Lawrence, the students in the science department formed a science club. The members of the club worked on projects which they took to the Science Fair held in Spokane during the spring. The projects were from many different phases of science, including electronics, bacteriology, and also a model of an active volcano. The science club also planned to take a trip in the spring.



1ST ROW, left to right: John Manning, Bill Cahoon, Sam Ward, Vern Griffith. 2ND ROW, left to right: Karen Griffith, Jo Ann Parks, Carol Houck, Becky Shields, Susan Christianson, Marie Rhodes. 3RD ROW, left to right: Dave Larsen, Ken Ormiston, Sandy McPherson, Dean Johnson, Bob Landeman, John Gavin, Walt Swanson, Sue Goudy, Jack Enbom, Jim Ormiston. 4TH ROW, left to right: Judy Olson, Gary Wainwright, Fred Houck, Charley Wiley, George Velkanje, Jerry Stevenson, Tom Ward, Bruce Willard.

Ski Club

West Valley was very fortunate to be able to start a ski club the very first year and to have such an excellent membership. Although the Ski Club was unable to buy team parkas this year, the ski team consisting of Tom Ward, Sam Ward, Dave Larsen, and Jack Enbom took part in many races both in Washington and Idaho and made a very good showing. The purpose of the Ski Club is to promote interest in skiing at West Valley. Everyone interested in skiing, whether beginner or expert, may belong to the club. Officers for this year were president, Sam Ward; vice-president, Jack Enbom; secretary, Jo Ann Parks; treasurer, Tom Ward; publicity chairman, Ken Ormiston; and program chairman, Walt Swanson.



1st row, *left to right*: Geraldine Smith, Barbara Funk, Sally Gardner, David Gerhardt, Pat Brown, Marcia Brown, Bettie McPherson, Miles Barber, David Luckey, Jerry Stevenson, Gene Clasen, Rollie Savage, Jack Enhom. 2nd row, *left to right*: Rodney Bell, Craig Hotchkiss, Karen Griffith, Sandy McPherson, Carolyn Clift, Lou Junker, Pat Ackerman, Fred Houck, Jim Ormiston, Vern Griffith, Keith Bailes, Robert Friesen, Gary Wainscott, Budd Rose. 3rd row, *left to right*: Mr. Lottler, Director, Darlene Miller, Ron Brooks, Wreatha Chisholm, John Euteneier, Herald Catlin, Dean Hammermeister, Wilis Miller, Norm Meyer, Edward Hickey.

Band

The band, under the able direction of Mr. Alvin Loeffler, claimed thirty-seven members. They performed for pep assemblies, football and basketball games, and presented two concerts with the chorus. The band worked for new uniforms, which they hope to get soon, and the proceeds from various band activities swelled the band uniform fund which was so generously started by the West Valley Kiwanis Club. The officers of the band this year were Fred Houck, president; Lou Junker, vice-president; Karen Griffith, secretary; Marcia Brown, treasurer; Bettie McPherson, reporter; and Jack Enhom, sergeant-at-arms. Fred Houck also served as student conductor.



Flute Trio

The flute trio composed of Bettie McPherson, Glenda Hammerstad and Marcia Brown was one of the few small instrumental groups at West Valley. This group played some very fine numbers at the concerts.

Majorettes

These girls, chosen by Music Director Alvin Loeffler, practiced diligently and were able to twirl at one football game. The majorettes also sponsored a skating party and other projects to raise money for their uniforms.

Left to right: Joy Campbell, Jan Mize, Judy Thoma, Marilyn Mayfield, Betty Wootin, Jeanne Haubrich, Wilda Miles; captain, Marlene Whiteside.



1ST ROW, *left to right:* Judie Wiess, Wanda Marquardt, Jib Woodhouse, Brenda Hugill, Jo Ann Parks, Carole Johnson, Pat Russell, Loretta Anderson, Linda Guiland. 2ND ROW, *left to right:* Emily Urquhart, Patty Worrell, Shirley Zier, Lynda May, Carolyn Clift, Mary Walker, Lou Junker, Mary Jo McDevitt, Delores Young, Gail Taylor, Donna Smith, Ruth Gano, Mrs. Bettie Jo Dowd. 3RD ROW, *left to right:* Sandra Blackburn, Carol Brownell, Marie Jones, June Scheuffele, Kathy Overstreet, Christie Megorden, Carol Houck, Carole Bierman, Judy Birkby, Sue Scherer, Pamela Allen, Leota Perkins.



Drill Team

The drill team, made up of Pep Club Members, spent many nights practicing marching and finally gave a very good demonstration of their abilities at the Selah West Valley basketball game. As the band played *Semper Fidelis*, this group of girls, dressed in white pedal pushers and Pep Club sweaters, executed their formations with perfect timing. Mrs. Bettie Jo Dowd, their instructor, and all of West Valley can well be proud of these girls.



FIRST ROW, *left to right*: Janet Butz, Bev Mondor, Carolyn Connelly, Alice Bulev, Sharon Gorman, Donna Kruger, Ruth Cano, Elsa Lovestrand, Pat Wooton, Jill Woodhouse, Nancy Hart, Marie Jones, Myra Stapleton, Corinne Tuck, Jane McReynolds, Joyce Carlson. SECOND ROW, *left to right*: Pat Harrison, Mary Clark, Pat Weiler, Elaine Heister, Alice Heister, Pamela Allen, Leota Perkins, Connie Burke, Lynda May, Janice Gibson, Christie Megorden, Jeanne Haubrich, Joan Lindgren, Pat Russell, Joan Inman, Sharon Day, Brenda Hugill. THIRD ROW, *left to right*: Vivian Lange, Phyllis Vance, Mary Helm, Billy Daniels, Lauren Withers, Ronald Halsos, Ken Perela, Jon Shurey, Larry Anderson, Bob Heironimus, Sharon Cunningham, Judy Schreiner, Mary Iriarte, Delores Raymond, Anne Erickson. FOURTH ROW, *left to right*: Milly Sanger, Minna Lehn, Alvina Weishaar, Fred Martin, Don Jones, Gene Gredvig, Don Zier, Chuck Toop, Bill Peckman, Karl Froula, Tal Underwood, Chris Perez, Sue Goudy, Mary Walker, Joyce Glenn, Carol Schonewill, Faye Schonewill, Susan Sherer, Betty Wooton.

Chorus

The chorus had a busy year learning new music. They presented programs for the grade schools and presented two concerts with the band. The chorus and several small groups also took part in the district music contest in the spring. Mr. Alvin Loeffler was the pianist. Librarians for the year were Jane McReynolds and Billy Daniels.



FRESHMAN QUINTET. *Left to right:* Brenda Hugill, Donna Krueger, Linda May, Marlene Whiteside, Betty Wootin.



JUNIOR TRIO. *Left to right:* Bettie McPherson, accompanist; Bev Mondor, Janet Bitz, Elsa Lovestrand.

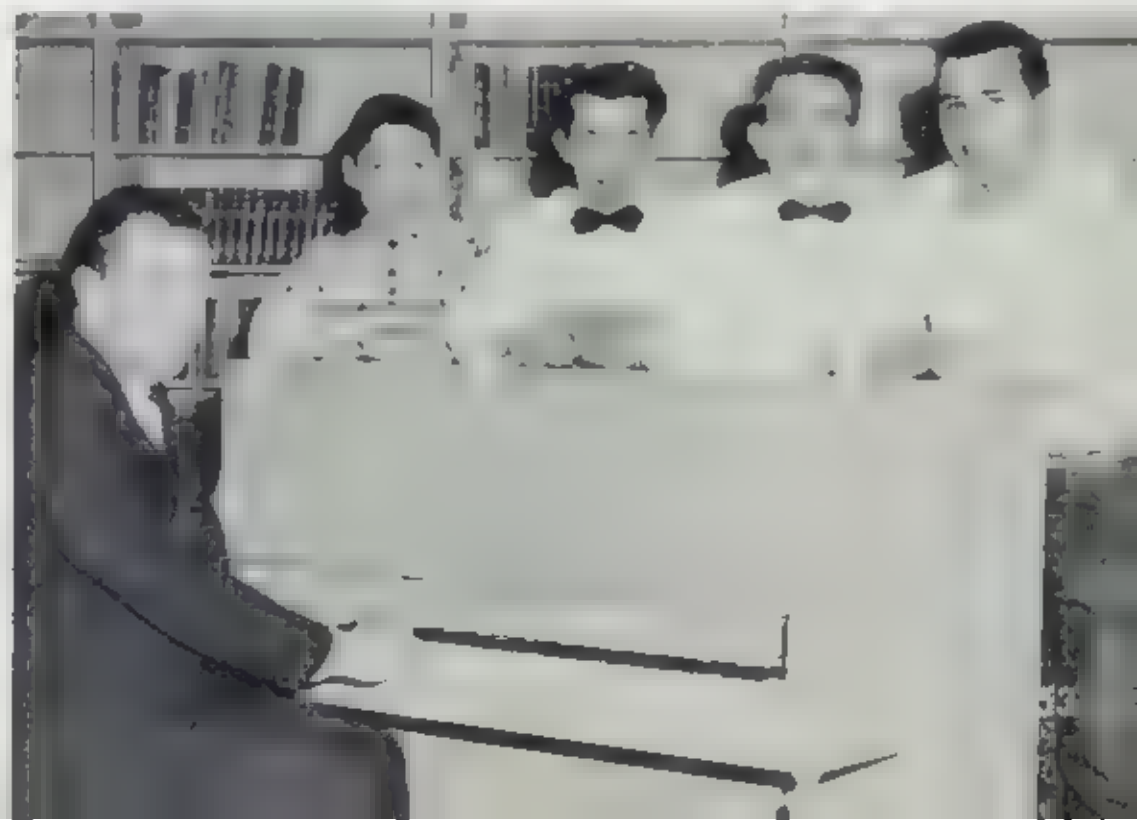


FRESHMAN SEPTET. Mr. Loeffler, accompanist; *left to right:* Jo Ann Shafer, Pam Allen, Mary Walker, Sally Gordner, Faye Schonewill, Susan Sherer, Nancy Hart.



SENIOR QUARTETTE. *Left to right:* Miriam Lange, accompanist; Minna Lehn, Carol Schonewill, Milly Sanger, Alvina Veishaar.

BOYS QUARTET. *Left to right:* Mr. Loeffler, accompanist; Ken Perula, Fred Martin, Miles Barber, Don Jones.



Wimoah Staff

1955-56



The annual staff has had a very enjoyable time working on the first West Valley High School yearbook. Now that the job is finished, we will relate some of the history of this first WIMOAH.

The name of our yearbook was chosen by the student body. Several suggestions for its name were presented by the students. The word WIMOAH was made by using WI to represent Wide Hollow, MO to represent Mountain View, and AV to represent Altamun Valley, the three grade schools whose students eventually become members of West Valley High.

Work on the WIMOAH had a late start due to the fact that there was no staff. Many yearbooks have their theme and layout decided upon the summer before school opens. All this was done for the WIMOAH in November.

Members of the staff had had very little previous experience. With the excellent and indispensable help of Miss Barbara Christensen, advisor, and several conferences with representatives from the Republic Press, we learned about the publishing of a yearbook.

Four members were able to attend the Republic Press Yearbook conference in January. At that meeting, they learned many interesting facts about how the book is published and received pointers and tips on such things as copy, photography, choosing paper, and arranging material on the pages. The group was also taken on a tour of the plant to see the presses and printing processes. After the conference, the annual staff turned back to their work with renewed vigor. Advertising was sold, copy written, pictures taken, pages arranged and rearranged, and there was endless typing to be done. At last deadlines were successfully met and now at the end of the year, the annual staff looks proudly on the first WIMOAH.

We acknowledge and are very grateful for the help we received from the Republic Press, Mr. Harold Scofield, photographer, and Kennell-Ellis Studios.



Several workshop sessions were held throughout the year. These were held in the staff members' homes and at school. These meetings gave everyone a chance to discuss their problems and air their views. Pictured at one of these meetings are Shirley Barringer, Jan Mize, and Nancy Hafsos in the upper right and Carolyn Sanislo, Janet Yergen, Jo Ann Walker, and Fran Nonnenmacher in the lower left.



SALLI BIERMAN
Editor



NANCY HAFSOS
Assistant Editor



CAROLYN SANISLO
Business Manager



1ST ROW, left to right: Dave Larsen, Gary Trammell, Delmar Record.

2ND ROW, left to right: Mary Ann Luepke, Doris Hoppis, Janet Yergen, Donna Kennedy, Shirley Barringer, Nancy Hart, Karen Griffith.

3RD ROW, left to right: Janet Ferguson, Millie Sanger, Marilyn Stull, Betty Jo Davis, Jo Anne Walker, Jan Mize.

4TH ROW, left to right: Walt Swanson, Larry Walker, Carolyn Sanislo, Bruce Willard, Fran Nonnemacher, Ann Horst.



1ST ROW, left to right: Chuck Collins, Gerald Thompson, Jon Shurey, Sam Ward, Sandy McPherson, Fred Hanson, Gary Smith, John Manning, Walt Swanson, **2ND ROW, left to right:** Jerry Shaler, Tal Underwood, Larry Walker, Malon Ziegler, Bernard Lovestrand, Chris Perez, John Gavin, Lonnie Stull, Dave Larsen, **3RD ROW, left to right:** John Ashbaugh, Bob Jones, Richard Burkby, Ralph Velasquez, Bob Bonnett, Craig Hotchkiss, Carl Brown, George Velikanje, Karl Froula, Paul Morton.

Lettermen's Club

The lettermen at West Valley organized as a service club to be of help to the school. One of their first tasks was to draw up a constitution. They have sold programs at games and sponsored a Lettermen's Dance. The membership of the Lettermen's Club swelled as letters were awarded for each successive sport. All lettermen, including managers, are eligible to join this club. Officers this year were Ralph Velasquez, president, Chuck Collins, vice president, George Velikanje, secretary, Bob Bonnett, treasurer, and Bernard Lovestrand, sergeant-at-arms.

Girls' League Cabinet

The Girls' League was not able to organize completely this first year because there was no place that would accommodate such a large group. The Cabinet, composed of the officers and home room representatives, drew up a constitution for the club. The group sponsored a dance during the year. Officers this year were Lou Junker, president; Elsa Lovestrand, vice president; Mary Jo McDevitt, secretary, and Janet Yergen, treasurer.

1ST ROW, left to right: Jan Mize, Mary Walker, Vivian Lange, Pat Worrell, **2ND ROW, left to right:** Janet Yergen, Mary Jo McDevitt, Lou Junker, Elsa Lovestrand, Nancy Borton, **3RD ROW, left to right:** Carol Johnson, Angie Fromm, Marilyn Stull, Linda Guiland, Jo Ann Walker, Mary Clark.





Homecoming Dance

A Homecoming dance in the fall was one of West Valley's first dances. The King, Lonnie Stull, and Princess Bob Bonnett and Ralph Velasquez, were members of the football squad chosen by their teammates. The Queen, Jo Anne Parks, and Princesses, Patty Goodykoontz and Carole Galloway, were also chosen by the football team.

Left to right: Prince Bob, Princess Carole, King Lonnie, Queen Jo Anne, Princess Patty, and Prince Ralph.

Stemson and keelson and sternson - knee.

Lettermen's Ball

The Lettermen's Ball was held at Wide Hollow February 24. Each class chose a candidate for Queen and sold tickets for her. Nancy Manning, Janet Yergen, Ruth Gano, and Joy Campbell were the candidates for the Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen respectively. The winner was revealed at the dance and Joy Campbell was crowned by a member of her class representing the Lettermen's Club.

The representatives of the Lettermen's Club and the Court are, left to right: Sophomores — Bob Bonnett and Ruth Gano; Freshmen—Carl Brown and Joy Campbell; Seniors—Nancy Manning and Larry Walker; Juniors—Janet Yergen and Dave Larsen.





Senior Ball

Mistletoe Fantasy

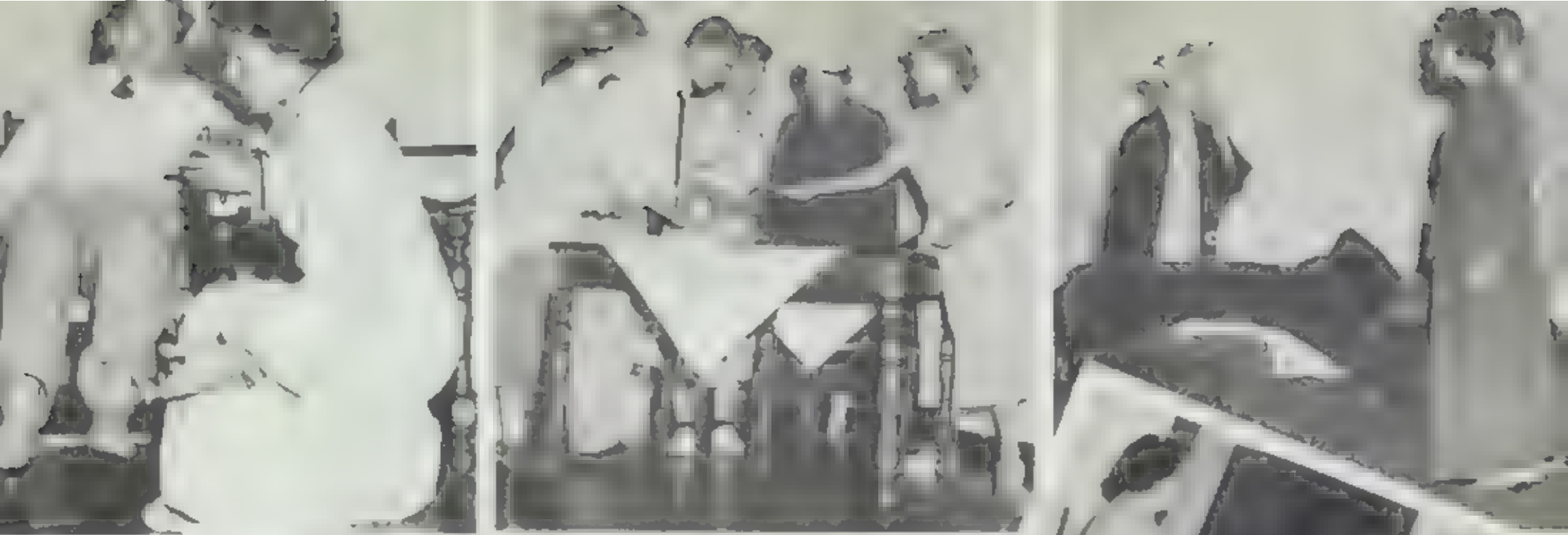
"Mistletoe Fantasy" was the theme of the Senior Ball this year with Salli Bierman and Chuck Toop reigning as Queen and King. Their court consisted of Janet Ferguson, Carol Schonewill, Les Lennington, and Larry Walker. The theme was carried out with mistletoe hanging from the light fixtures. Blue trees surrounded with angel hair were scattered about the room. A sleigh pulled by a reindeer was covered with silver tin foil.

This was the first formal dance of West Valley and was well attended. An estimated 200 couples were present to make the ball a big success.

UPPER LEFT: Queen Salli Bierman and King Chuck Toop. LOWER LEFT: Prince and Princess Les and Carol. Queen and King Salli and Chuck. Prince Larry. LOWER RIGHT: Dancing scene of the queen and king.

***Till, framed
with perfect symmetry***





Junior Class Play

On December 2 and 3, the junior class presented "Jump-in' Jupiter," a three-act comedy, under the direction of Mr. Lowther. The cast consisted of Fran Nonnenmacher as Abby who attempts to be a singer; Linda Clow as Dot who aspires to be a dancer; Nancy Hafsos as Gilda the housekeeper; Anne Walker as Minnie who needs a victim; Karl Froula as Bob, who aspires to sell his musical comedy; Barbara Gerwig as Mollie the landlady; Carolyn Sanislo as Pat the actress; Sam Hazard as a messenger boy; Betty Hudson as a policewoman who attempts to catch a criminal; Miles Barbar as Oscar, the astrologer; Lola Kessenger as Irene who wants to return home; Dale Tylor as Ben who aspires to be bold and brave. These students put in many hours of hard work, along with the able assistance of the stage managers, Dale Gerritsen and Sam Hazard, in order to make the first junior play and the first West Valley High School play a real success.



***A skeleton ship
rose up to view!***





Senior Play

Friday Night

Babbie
Gavin
Mrs. Dishart
Effie
Nora
Jean
Lord Rintoul
Rob
Dr. McQueen
Sgt. Halliwell
Nanny

Carol Schonewill
Derald Erickson
Salli Bierman
Donna Kennedy
Annamae Trudeau
Nancy Manning
Gerald Gerhardt
Dale Ellis
Dean Hallauer
Ralph Morton
Kathleen Bishop



The Seniors presented their three-act play "The Little Minister" on March 23 and 24 at the Mountainview School. The play was double cast so more students could participate. Mrs. James Lisk directed both casts and a very fine performance was given each night. Mike Paradis, as stage manager, gathered props, saw to the lighting, etc., and deserves a lot of credit for keeping things running smoothly.

The setting of the play was in the small Scottish town of Thrums in the 1860's. Gavin, the new minister, met many problems—one of which was the Egyptian gypsy lass. The audience was held in suspense as Gavin fell in love with her and the plot finally overcame the difficulties so they could announce their love to the town.

As the first Senior Class play and the second West Valley High School play, "The Little Minister" was presented very well and can uphold the fine standard of dramatic talent of the new West Valley High School.



Saturday Night

Babbie	Janet Ferguson
Gavin	Doug Clausing
Mrs. Dishart	Doris Hoppis
Iffie	Betty Jo Davis
Nora	Nancy Ault
Jean	Mary Ann Luepke
Lord Rintoul	Gerald Gerhardt
Rob	Larry Walker
Dr. McQueen	Dan Jones
Sgt. Halliwell	Ralph Morton
Nanny	Shirley Barringer





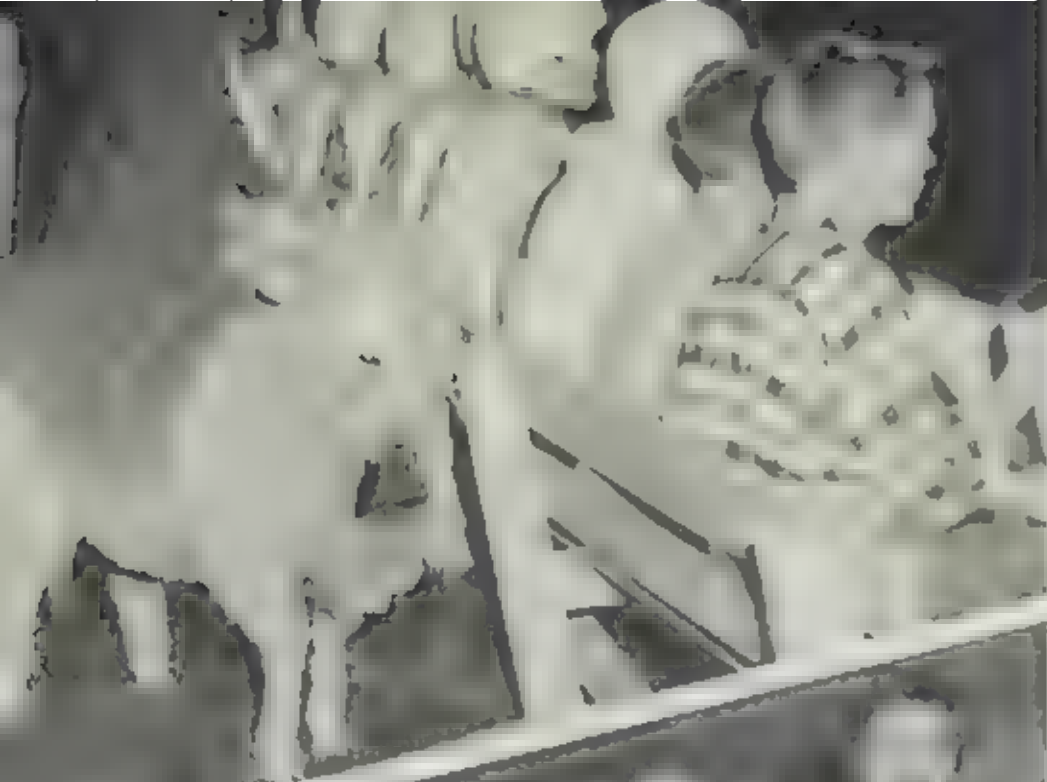
Can you find the following students?

Judie Weiss, Ruby Morton, Nancy Hafsos, Bernie Lovestrand, Salli Bierman, Toni Esparza, Marilyn Young, Shirley Barringer, Jerry Shafer, Phyllis Vance, Becky Ault, Carol Johnson, Donna Smith, Fran Nonnenmacher, Carole Calloway, Ann Horst, Mary Clark, Joe Wiley, John Gavin, Sandy Sanislo, Carol Houck, Janet Ferguson, Bill Cahoon, Ed Van Dusen, Bill Huff, Nancy Morton, Darrell Turner, Linda Clow, Betty Hudson, Barbara Gray, Geraldine Smith.



Can you find the following students?

Judie Wiess, Alvina Weishaar, Gail Taylor, Eugene Thompson, Jo Ann Shafer, Jeanine Haubrich, Linda Clow, Carole Galloway, Susan Scherer, Phyllis Vance, Pat Weiler, Patty Worrell, Judy Birkby, Susan Christianson, Donna Smith, Leon Marcum, Chuck Collins, Janet Bitz, Gene Toop, Barbara Gerwig, Joy Suckow, Bob Bonnett, Mary Jo McDevitt, Don Russell, Ronald Hafsoo, Leon Burnam, Pat Russell, Judy Thoma.



1. Butchie, our Mascot.
2. Drill team's first performance.
3. Song leaders cutting capers.

4. Butchie and his escorts.
5. Inquisitive Patty.
6. Director Loeffler and the band.

Bob - (Lecture Monday) Ha Ha

the year 1861, to have the district go to 0.

10 years old - 1900

but with eucalyptus. Pe

[Faint, illegible handwriting]

1911

With oaken brace and
copper band.

Lay the rudder on the
sand.

—LONGFELLOW

this summer.

Lonnie, S. L.

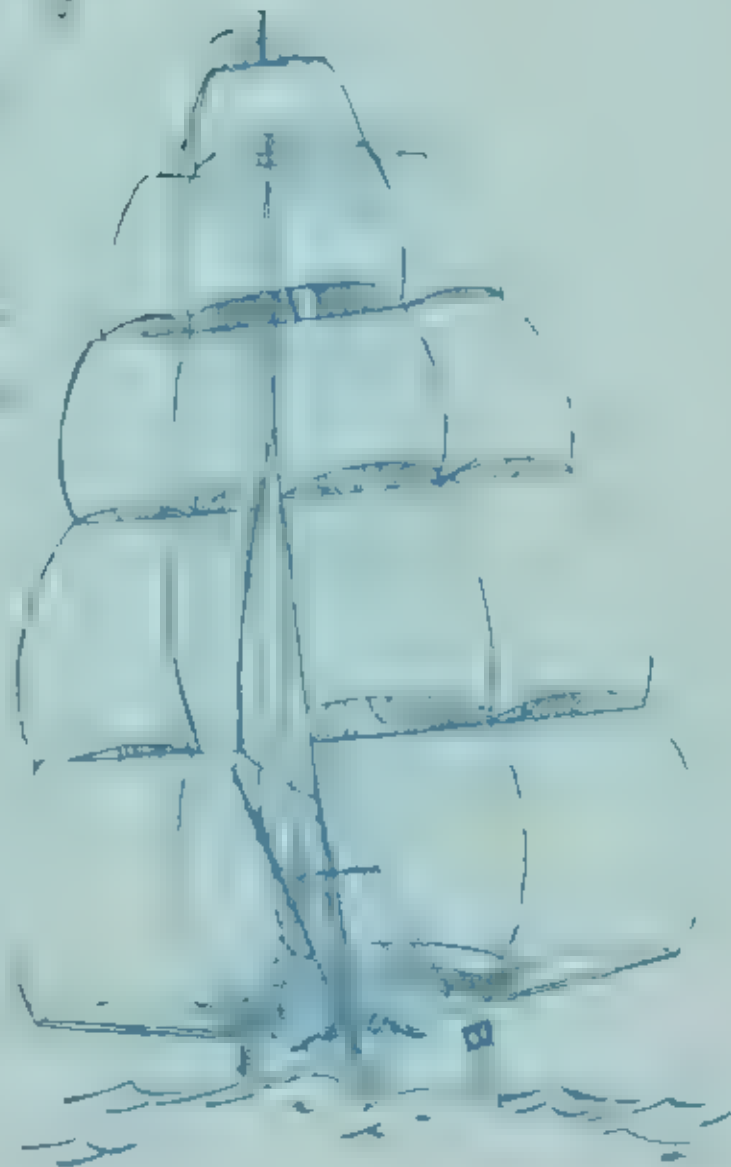
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Good luck to
a real good
guy with
two black
eyes
Gerald

Oh I am
not, so you think you're
a better person than I
am? I don't believe it
at least I'm a better
looker than you are.
And don't you forget
it. Don't let anything
come go to your
head. Be good this
summer. I'll see
you next year, at
your birthday then.

John, they are always
amusing me. Best of
luck always.

Love & luck to
a friend
John



Football

1955

Schedule

le Elum	33;	West Valley	7
Moxxee	24;	West Valley	0
Vapato	48;	West Valley	0
akima High Jr. Var.....	0;	West Valley	0
illah	13;	West Valley	7
akima High Jr. Var.....	2;	West Valley	27
illah	12;	West Valley	6
Ritzville	54;	West Valley	7



That like a thought should have control

In August, 1955, the first meeting was held to determine how many boys would turn out for football. Over fifty boys were present. This was narrowed down to thirty-four hard working, spirited team mates.

They were faced with many obstacles. They had no showers, no dressing rooms, no field of their own, no goal post, no schedule, and no equipment. For many, this was their first season of football.

Yet, with practice, many boys learned and improved steadily. The wonderful school spirit displayed by all the students and the cute mascot "Butchie" added to their fighting spirit. They experienced the thrill of wearing the first new uniform of the school—the beautiful Columbia Blue suits.

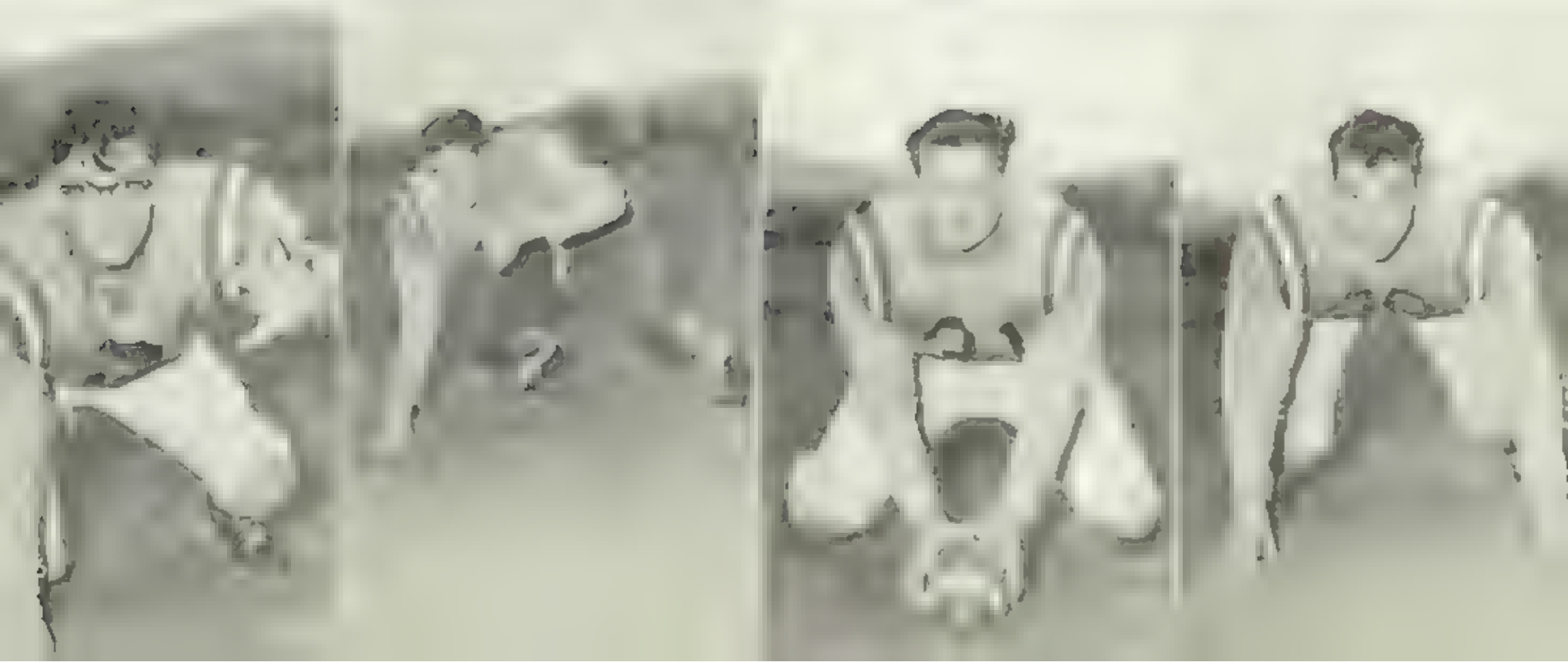
Although it was not a completely successful year in games won, it was very successful in terms of experience gained. Coach Art Hutton and his assistant Elmer Cherry, worked patiently with them and were of considerable help.

The letter winners for the season were Ray Esparza, Dave Larsen, Tal Underwood, Ralph Velasquez, John Gavin, Chris Perez, Bob Jones, Gary Smith, Dick Birky, Bob Bonnett, Chuck Collins, Fred Hanson, Carl Brown, Malon Zeigler, Bernard Lovestrand, John Ashbaugh, Lonnie Stull, George Velikanje, Jerry Shafer, Paul Morton, Walt Swanson, Larry Walker, and Craig Hotchkiss.

Ralph Velasquez was voted inspirational award winner and Lonnie Stull was voted the captain for next year's squad.

TOP ROW, left to right:
Chris Perez, Lonnie
Stull, Bob Jones.

BOTTOM ROW, left to
right: Gary Smith,
Chuck Collins, Larry
Walker, Paul Morton.





TOP row, left to right:
Ray Esparza, Ralph
Velasquez, Bob Bon-
nett, Carl Brown.

BOTTOM row, left to
right: Malon Ziegler,
Tal Underwood, Rich-
ard Birkby.



1ST ROW, *left to right*: Sam Ward, Dick Birkby, Gary Smith, Bob Jones, Chris Perez, Roy Campbell, John Gavin, Ralph Velasquez, Ted Underwood, Dave Larsen, Ray Esparza, John Manning. 2ND ROW, *left to right*: Jon Shirey, John Ashbaugh, Bernard Lovestrand, Malon Zeigler, David Pankey, Karl Froula, Carl Brown, Bob Tabert, Fred Hanson, Chuck Collins, Bob Bonnett, Ira Gano, Sandy McPherson. 3RD ROW, *left to right*: Coach Art Hutton, Charley Wiley, Craig Hotchkiss, Larry Walker, Walt Swanson, Francis Trudeau, Richard Esparza, Paul Morton, John Euteneier, Bob Perez, Jerry Shafer, Tom Ward, George Velikanje, Lonnie Stull, Assistant Coach Elmer Cherry.

“A” and “B” Squad

Over the movement of the whole;



Managers

Although they may not receive much glory during the season, the managers do very much to help the team. This year Sandy McPherson, Sam Ward, John Manning, and Jon Shirey were right at hand when they were needed. Their duties have consisted of taking the water bucket out to the team, cleaning up their mess, running around for the coaches and many other nameless tasks.



1ST ROW, left to right: Vern Griffith, Charley Tabert, Doyle Perala, Richard Birkby, Les Lenington.
2ND ROW, left to right: Jim Orniston, Karl Froula, Rex Burnam, Bob Bonnett, Ralph Velasquez, Coach Elmer Cherry.

Basketball

Opponent		West Valley	Opponent		West Valley	Opponent		West Valley
Kittitas	60	. . . . . 29	Highland	67	. . . . . 39	Grandview	59	. . . . . 43
Grandview	56	. . . . . 36	Toppenish	69	. . . . . 45	Prosser	63	. . . . . 33
Marquette	56	. . . . . 22	Highland	65	. . . . . 29	Marquette	63	. . . . . 25
Naches	57	. . . . . 32	Kittitas	67	. . . . . 39	Moxee	53	. . . . . 41
Wapato "B"	60	. . . . . 50	Naches	63	. . . . . 32	Selah	67	. . . . . 33
Selah	82	. . . . . 30	Prosser	60	. . . . . 46	Toppenish	74	. . . . . 32
Cle Elum	68	. . . . . 34	Cle Elum	64	. . . . . 48			

and near it the anchor whose giant hand

Karl Froula

Rex Burnam

Charley Tabert

Doyle Perala





Bob Bonnett



Carl Brown



Ralph Velasquez



Richard Birkby

The West Valley fans can be proud of the Rams for, although the team failed to win a game, they were in there fighting all the way. The boys gained experience which we expect them to use to good advantage next year. With only one Senior and only a few Juniors on the squad, most of the team will be back for two more years. At the end of the season, West Valley was awarded the sportsmanship trophy which stands as a tribute to the fine showing, conduct, and sportsmanship displayed by the West Valley team and fans. Now we are looking towards the day when we can win both the district championship and the sportsmanship trophies. Coach Elmer Cherry is to be commended for his work with the team. We're sure that next year will bring better luck for the Rams.

Would reach down and grapple with the land.

Les Lenington





“B” Squad

The pride of West Valley was the “B” squad basketball team. They won five out of twenty-one games and provided many thrilling moments for the spectators during the season. Two of their most exciting victories were those over Selah’s freshmen squad and Highland. Both games were won by very close scores. The “B” squad was coached by Art Hutton who did a very fine job with the boys. Many of the team were freshmen who show tremendous promise of becoming great players in the next three years. If they keep up the good work, West Valley is assured of a successful season soon.

and immovable and fast

Kneeling: Richard Esparza, Roy Campbell, Chuck Luna, John Gavin, Miles Barber, Bob Perez. Standing: Coach Art Hutton, Walter Laton, George Velikanje, Dave Gerhardt, Gene Clasen, Roger Berg, Ron Maulding, Melvin Zier.





TRACK

The track team, coached by Art Hutton, started off the season by tying for eighth place at the Moses Lake track meet. As this is being written, they are looking forward to a successful season. With two experienced trackmen, Karl Froula and Gerald Thompson, West Valley's track team should make a good showing.

Pictured above, **front row, left to right:** Fred Houck, George Ortman, Gary Wainscott, Roy Campbell, Doyle Peralta, John Gavin, Rick Olsen, Joe Wiley, Lonnie Stull, and Ken Peralta; **top row, left to right:** Craig Hotchkiss, Bob Bonnett, Ron Herrel, George Velikanje, Karl Brown, Karl Froula, Roland Maulding, Dean Johnson, Willis Miller, and Coach Art Hutton.

***Hold the great ship
against the bellowing blast!***

BASEBALL

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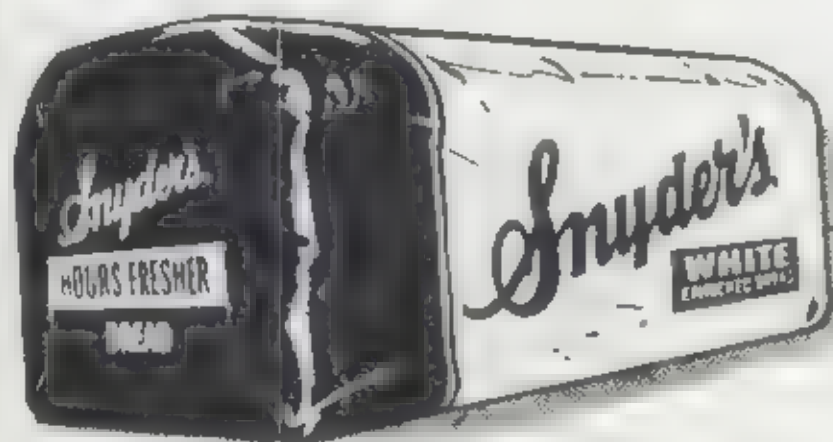
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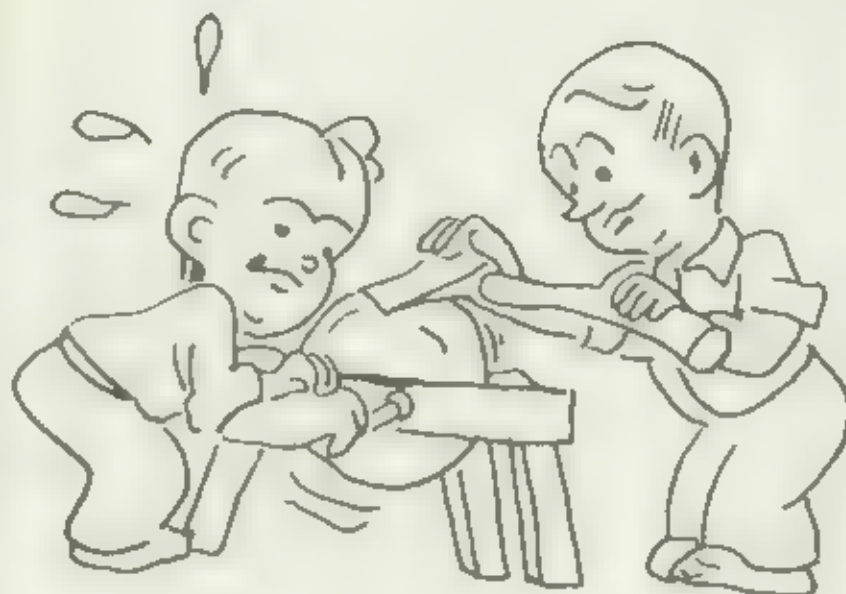


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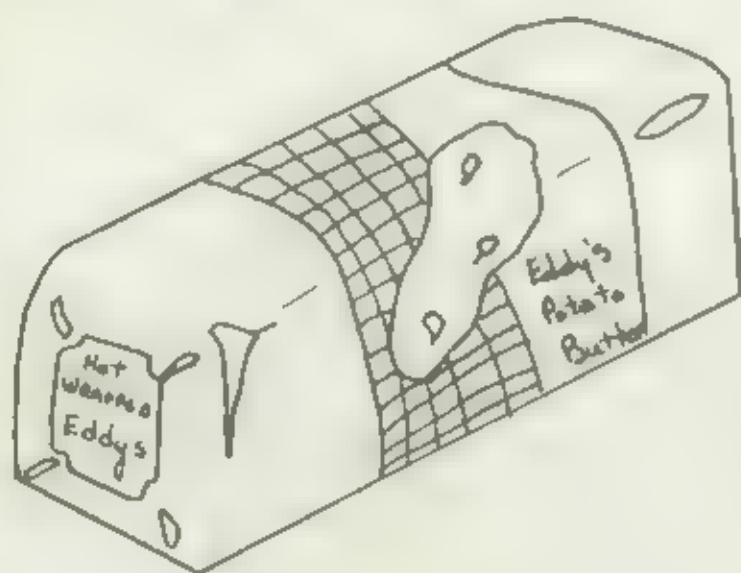
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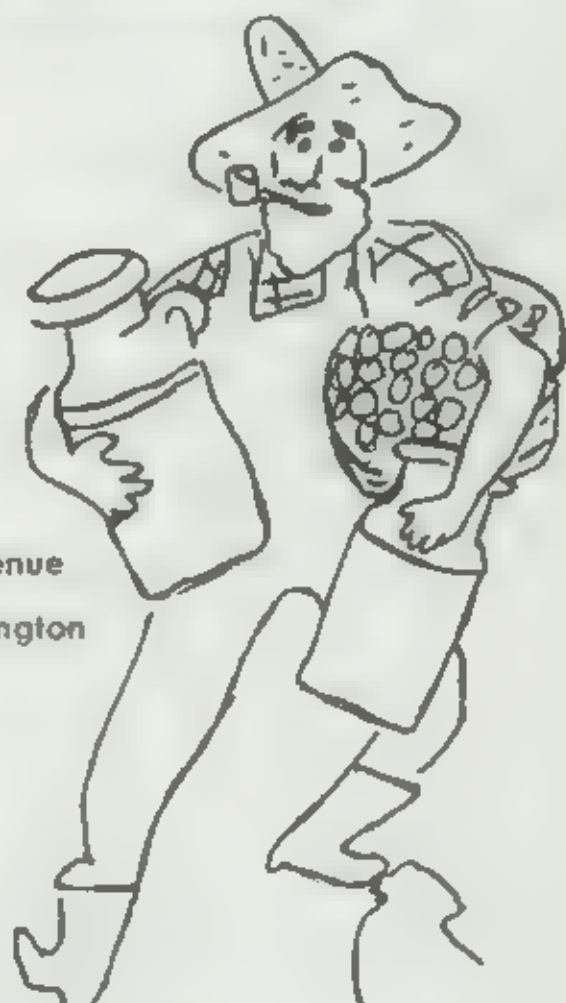
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